

Proclamation

WHEREAS, chronic diseases are broadly defined as conditions that last one year or more and require ongoing medical attention or limit activities of daily living or both; and

WHEREAS, chronic disease, which affects millions of Americans, can be disabling and reduce a person's quality of life if left undiagnosed or untreated; and

WHEREAS, among the most prevalent, costly, and preventable of all health problems are chronic diseases, such as heart disease, stroke, cancer, asthma, and diabetes; and

WHEREAS, chronic disease affects thousands of individuals throughout Hawai'i and accounts for 7 of the top ten 10 causes of premature deaths in the United States; and

WHEREAS, some of the deadliest and costliest chronic diseases are preventable and manageable through early diagnosis, improved diet, exercise and treatment therapy; and

WHEREAS, Chronic Disease Day is an awareness campaign that uses peoples' stories and voices to advocate to lower the number of preventable illnesses, advance access to care for unpreventable conditions, and build healthier communities;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the **State of Hawai'i,** do hereby proclaim July 10, 2022 as

"CHRONIC DISEASE DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in raising awareness of chronic disease, understand and support those affected by chronic conditions and promote healthy living.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-fourth day of June 2022.

DAVID Y. IGE Governor, State of Hawai'i