

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i is committed to helping ensure the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our state; and

WHEREAS, a sufficient blood supply is a public health issue both locally and nationally, and our hospitals and medical centers need a readily available supply for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the whole country has experienced critical blood shortages, but Hawaii faces the unique challenge of depending almost solely on local donors; and

WHEREAS, one blood donation can help save more than one life, and although most of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood, only about 3% actually do; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i is home to many organizations committed to raising awareness about the importance of blood donation, including Blood Bank of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Blood Donation Day effectively serves to remind us that we need to constantly replenish our blood supply through donation and community awareness;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the **State of Hawai'i,** do hereby proclaim September 4, 2022 as

"HAWAI'I BLOOD DONATION DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in recognizing blood donors for their life-saving gifts and supporting our local blood drives to save lives and protect our citizens.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twentieth day of July 2022.

Governor, State of Hawai'i