



# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, sepsis is the body's overwhelming and life-threatening response to infection that can lead to tissue damage, organ failure, and death; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the CDC, sepsis affects 1.7 million Americans and takes 350,000 adult lives every year in the United States—more than prostate cancer, breast cancer, and opioid overdoses combined; and

**WHEREAS**, in the United States, more than 75,000 children develop severe sepsis each year and almost 7,000 of these children die; and

**WHEREAS**, communities that have historically lacked access to high-quality healthcare, including some communities of color and individuals experiencing poverty, experience a disproportionate burden of sepsis-related suffering; and

**WHEREAS**, the growing problem of antimicrobial resistance is steadily increasing the frequency of sepsis cases, and making effective sepsis treatment more difficult; and

**WHEREAS**, viral sepsis is the most common complication in severe COVID-19, and in the midst of ongoing COVID-19 surges, infection prevention and sepsis awareness are critical to public health; and

**WHEREAS**, sepsis survivors have a shortened life expectancy and are more likely to suffer from an impaired quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, many sepsis survivors are affected by post-traumatic stress disorder and about 1 percent of survivors undergo one or more surgical amputations of a limb or digit as a result of sepsis;

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

## **“SEPSIS AWARENESS MONTH”**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in raising awareness of this illness that deeply impacts families in every community across our country.

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

  
DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i