



Proclamation

WHEREAS, according to the World Health Organization, more than 38 million people worldwide are living with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), including more than 2,000 in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, 650,000 people have died from Acquired Immunodeficiency Virus (AIDS)-related causes in 2021, bringing the total number of deaths to approximately 40 million since the beginning of the epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the theme for World AIDS Day 2022 in Hawai'i is "Ho'olaulima Nā Kuleana," reflecting the importance of working cooperatively to end the epidemic and serve our community together in providing care for people living with HIV, preventing new cases and working toward the elimination of HIV; and

WHEREAS, people living with HIV often experience loneliness and isolation, and it is critical that they receive appropriate HIV medical care and support; and

WHEREAS, barriers such as stigma, discrimination, homelessness, behavioral health and substance use continue to hinder successful HIV prevention, testing and treatment; and

WHEREAS, the "Hawai'i to Zero" campaign aims to end the HIV epidemic with zero new HIV infections, zero deaths related to HIV, and zero HIV-related stigma; and

WHEREAS, while great progress has been made in the treatment for those living with HIV/AIDS and new prevention strategies can prevent new infections, there is still no cure for HIV/AIDS;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim December 1, 2022 as

"WORLD AIDS DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in the fight against HIV/AIDS and show support for people living with HIV and remember those who have died from AIDS-related illnesses.

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

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i