



Proclamation

In Recognition of

National Donate Life Month

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Coalition on Donation, whose members include: Blood Bank of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Bone Marrow Donor Registry, Hawai'i Donor Family Council, The Hawai'i Lions Eye Bank & Makana Foundation, Hawai'i Living Donor Council, Legacy of Life Hawai'i, National Kidney Foundation of Hawai'i, The Queen's Transplant Center at the Queen's Medical Center, Surgical Associates Inc. and the Transplant Association of Hawai'i, jointly with our many volunteers are dedicated to promoting public awareness and increasing the number of organ, tissue and eye donors in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, in Hawai'i, over four hundred people await liver, kidney or pancreas transplants; and

WHEREAS, each organ and tissue donor can help up to fifty people with life-saving and life-enhancing procedures; and

WHEREAS, our *aloha* tradition of caring and having compassion for others will help us increase the number of organ donors among Hawai'i residents; and

WHEREAS, education, legislative support, partnerships with local hospitals, media attention and visibility has helped to increase the number of organ donations and transplants; and

WHEREAS, the gifts of life, sight and healing are truly the most generous and honorable gifts one person can share with another;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April, 2015 as

“NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH”

in Hawai'i, and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in acknowledging the efforts and good work of those who make successful transplantation possible, especially the donors and their families, by wearing the green ribbon pin that symbolizes organ and tissue donation.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this first day of April 2015.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i