



Proclamation

Presented to

Hawai'i Pharmacists Association

WHEREAS, pharmacy is one of the oldest and most trusted of the health professions concerned with the health and well-being of all people; and

WHEREAS, today, there are more than 286,000 pharmacists licensed in the United States providing services to assure the rational and safe use of all medications; and

WHEREAS, the use of medication, as a cost-effective alternative to more expensive medical procedures, is becoming a major force in modernizing overall health care costs; and

WHEREAS, today's powerful medications require greater attention to the manner in which they are used by different patient population groups-both clinically and demographically; and

WHEREAS, Pharmacists are specifically educated with a focus and level of expertise on medication therapy that exceeds that of other health care providers, are ideally suited to work collaboratively with other health care providers and patients to improve medication use and outcomes by providing services through medication therapy management; and

WHEREAS, Pharmacists are best positioned to be the health care professionals that ensure patients are adherent to their medications, and provide patient care that ensures optimal medication therapy outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the American Pharmacists Association, the Hawai'i Pharmacist Association and the American Society of Health System Pharmacist celebrate the month of October as American Pharmacists Month;

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

"AMERICAN PHARMACISTS MONTH"

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the valuable services of the pharmacists and pharmacy technicians who work in inpatient, outpatient, home-care and long-term-care settings and all they do to help patients make the best use of their medicines.

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

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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