



Proclamation
Presented to
Hilo Medical Center

2015 Davies Enterprise Award of Excellence Recipient

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Hawai'i are proud to recognize those healthcare institutions that provide quality health care to our islands; and

WHEREAS, Hilo Medical Center is a part of the East Hawai'i Region of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation, serving as a safety-net hospital for two critical access hospitals, Hale Ho'ola Hamakua and Ka'u Hospital. The East Hawai'i Region also includes nine outpatient clinics with specialties. The story of Hilo Medical Center represents a model of health IT-enabled care delivery that can assist struggling small community and safety-net hospitals leverage data to survive; and

WHEREAS, established in 1961, the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) was created with the goal of transforming healthcare through the effective use of information technology (IT) and management systems; through the best use of IT and management systems, HIMSS enables improved quality, improved safety, increased cost-effectiveness and increased access to care; and

WHEREAS, each year HIMSS awards deserving health care organizations with the Nicholas E. Davies Enterprise Award of Excellence, named after a doctor who believed that computer-based patient records were needed to improve patient care; and

WHEREAS, winners of the HIMSS Davies Enterprise Award of Excellence are required to achieve the level of Stage 6 or 7 on the HIMSS Analytics Electronic Medical Record (EMR) Adoption Model and key meaningful use milestones; this year, Hilo Medical Center has received the designation of a stage 7 hospital; and

WHEREAS, the 10th Annual National Health Information Technology Week (NHIT Week) is on October 5 – 9, 2015; is organized by HIMSS and is supported by association, non-profit, and corporate partners from around the country; and is a collaborative forum providing an opportunity for public and private healthcare constituents to work in partnership to educate patients, industry and policy stakeholders on the value of health IT for the U.S. healthcare delivery system; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i State Senator Rosalyn Baker was the recipient of the 2014 HIMSS State Legislator of the Year Awards during the 2014 NHIT Week;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 5 – 9, 2015 as

“HAWAI'I HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WEEK”

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in congratulating Hilo Medical Center on receiving the 2015 Davies Enterprise Award of Excellence from the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society.

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

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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