



Proclamation
Presented to
State Department of Health
Tuberculosis Control Branch

WHEREAS, World Tuberculosis (TB) Day is observed in recognition of the discovery of the bacterium, *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, by Dr. Robert Koch on March 24, 1882; this bacterium, most often found in the lungs, can be transmitted in the air by a person who is sick with the disease; and

WHEREAS, World TB Day is designed to build public awareness of the global impact of tuberculosis, and although great strides have been made to control this disease in the United States, it remains an epidemic in much of the world, causing the deaths of nearly 2 million people each year, mostly in developing countries; and

WHEREAS, World TB Day is an annual event and this year's theme is "Unite to End TB." The Stop TB Partnership is calling on all partners to continue their commitment to find, treat and cure all people with TB, and accelerate progress toward the bold goal of ending TB by 2035; and

WHEREAS, World TB Day acknowledges the continued research efforts to improve TB tests and find better treatment regimens, including the contributions from the Hawai'i State TB Control Program for the TB Epidemiology Studies Consortium; and

WHEREAS, World TB Day encourages citizens in Hawai'i to take steps to eradicate tuberculosis; Hawai'i continues to have the highest case rate of TB in the United States with 127 cases diagnosed in 2015; and

THEREFORE, I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 24, 2016 as

"WORLD TB DAY 2016"

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to be aware of the signs and symptoms of tuberculosis and join state and nationwide efforts to eradicate the disease.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this twenty-fourth day of March 2016.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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