



*Proclamation*  
*Presented to*

**The Male Breast Cancer Coalition**

**WHEREAS**, the Male Breast Cancer Coalition was founded in 2013, and is dedicated to raising awareness of male breast cancer through sharing the stories of survivors of the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, October is "Breast Cancer Awareness Month," and the third week specifically highlights breast cancer in men; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the American Cancer Society, this year 2,600 new cases of breast cancer in men will be diagnosed and 440 men will die from breast cancer, a much higher mortality rate than women; and

**WHEREAS**, although breast cancer in males is 100 times less common than in females, it leads to a misconception that can delay diagnosis and treatment in men, often times leading to death; and

**WHEREAS**, early detection of breast cancer is critical, as men who are diagnosed in the earlier stages have an increased chance of successful treatment and survival; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to facilitate early diagnosis and prompt treatment of male breast cancer, public education, awareness, and understanding of the disease is necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, this significant event is also in remembrance of the men who have lost their lives to breast cancer and lends support to those who are currently fighting this often overlooked disease;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 16 - 22, 2016 as**

**"MALE BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WEEK"**

in Hawai'i, and urge the people of the Aloha State to join us in raising awareness of breast cancer in men and to urge early detection and treatment.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, in Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this sixth day of October 2016.

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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