



# *Proclamation*

## *Presented to the*

### **The University of Hawai'i Cancer Center**

**WHEREAS**, founded in 1971, 2016 marks the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UH Cancer Center. From the beginning, the center's mission has been to reduce the burden of cancer in the population through research, education and improved patient care; and

**WHEREAS**, 2016 is also the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UH Cancer Center's National Cancer Institute designation in 1996, making it one of only 69 research institutions designated by the National Cancer Institute. This designation helps the center bring in the latest clinical trials available to thousands of residents in our local communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the UH Cancer Center coordinates the screening, accrual, safety, and collection of quality data required to provide clinical trials across the state for patients and cancer care providers; and

**WHEREAS**, the local residents participating in the trials, most performed in partner hospitals and clinics, include underserved and minority populations, who through UH Cancer Center coordinated trials, have access to the most innovative and latest treatments without having to travel and live on the mainland; and

**WHEREAS**, the center and its various activities, cancer trial patients, and guests bring in \$54.1 million to O'ahu's economy and boosts health care by disseminating Hawai'i-specific cancer findings so residents can benefit from these findings, thus improving treatment priorities; and

**WHEREAS**, many of the research symposia that the UH Cancer Center hosts throughout the year offer continuing medical education credentials to physicians in Hawai'i to keep them current on the latest in medical practice as well as helping them maintain their medical licenses; and

**WHEREAS**, as of 2016, dozens of interns from Hawai'i high schools and colleges, in addition to Hawai'i students attending college in mainland schools, were trained in cancer research through the Cancer Center's summer internship program, with students from disadvantaged backgrounds receiving educational and research opportunities through the Cancer Center use of public/private grant funding;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i,** do hereby proclaim November 7, 2016 as

### **"THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I CANCER CENTER DAY"**

in Hawai'i and urge the people of the Aloha State to recognize the invaluable benefits the UH Cancer Center has brought to Hawai'i, improving the education, economy, and health care of our community.

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

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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