



Proclamation

In Recognition of

Susan G. Komen Hawai'i Day

WHEREAS, Susan G. Komen, the world's largest breast cancer organization, has funded more than \$920 million in research and provided more than \$2 billion to fund screening, education, treatment and psychosocial support programs in the U.S. and more than 30 other countries; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the second most common cancer among women in the U.S, and one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime; and

WHEREAS, since 2005, the breast cancer rate has increased among Asian-American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander women; and

WHEREAS, the Susan G. Komen Hawai'i affiliate, established in 1999, has provided more than \$3 million in grants throughout the Hawaiian Islands by supporting local hospitals and agencies that provide vital breast screening, education, and survivorship and patient navigation services; and

WHEREAS, the first Komen Hawai'i Race for the Cure was held in Honolulu in 1995 with 800 participants, raising money to fund screening, treatment and prevention for the underserved and uninsured women of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, 75 percent of net funds raised from the annual Komen Hawai'i Race for the Cure remains in Hawai'i to support local programs and 25 percent of net funds supports breast cancer research; and

WHEREAS, the annual Susan G. Komen Hawai'i Pink Tie Ball raises funds to support community grants for local hospitals and agencies that provide vital services such as breast education, clinical and diagnostic exams, treatment and survivorship support to thousands of uninsured and underinsured individuals throughout the islands; and

WHEREAS, the Susan G. Komen Hawai'i affiliate supports and promotes collaboration among Hawai'i's healthcare providers and organizations, and enables implementation of cultural sensitivity education, screening, and treatment programs; and

WHEREAS, the staff and Board of Directors of Susan G. Komen Hawai'i affiliate is committed to the global "More Than Pink" movement and to take action to reduce the current number of breast cancer deaths by 50 percent in the next ten years;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 11, 2017 as

"SUSAN G. KOMEN HAWAII DAY"

and to encourage all citizens to learn about the signs and symptoms of breast cancer and join in the effort to be "More Than Pink" so that more lives will be saved across the state, more people will be inspired to support those diagnosed with breast cancer, and the possibility of ending breast cancer forever will move closer to reality.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this first day of March 2017.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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