



Proclamation
Presented to the
Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawai'i

WHEREAS, tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death and disease, and smoking kills more people than alcohol, HIV/AIDS, car crashes, illegal drugs, murders, and suicides combined, costing the State of Hawai'i \$526 million in annual healthcare costs and claiming 1,400 lives each year; and

WHEREAS, secondhand smoke is a serious health hazard causing more than 41,000 deaths in the United States per year; it can cause or make worse a wide range of damaging health effects in children and adults, including lung cancer, respiratory infections and asthma; and every time a child inhales secondhand smoke, they breathe in 7,000 chemicals, 200 of which are poisonous, and 69 of which are carcinogens; and

WHEREAS, secondhand smoke in cars can be up to ten times more toxic, even when a window is down; smoking just two cigarettes in a vehicle exposes passengers and children to secondhand smoke levels that far exceed the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) air safety standards; and

WHEREAS, e-cigarettes have surpassed traditional tobacco products as the most popular among youth according to the Federal Drug Administration and can contain nicotine and may cause addiction, harm brain development and cause lung disease; and

WHEREAS, federal law requires that school campuses for grades K-12 are to be tobacco-free but students in college are no longer protected from these laws and are often exposed to the harmful effects of these tobacco products; and

WHEREAS, Kick Butts Day is an annual national day of activism that empowers middle and high school students to speak up, and Hawai'i's students and the Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawai'i will help lead the fight in our state against youth tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 20, 2017 as

“KICK BUTTS DAY 2017”

in Hawai'i and urge the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing hundreds of middle school and high school students in Hawai'i as they continue to lead the fight against youth tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke.

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

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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