



## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, each year an estimated 2,550 men in the United States are diagnosed with breast cancer, and close to 500 die from this disease; and

**WHEREAS**, everyone is born with a small amount of breast tissue, so men can also develop breast cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, male breast cancer is most common in older men, though it can occur at any age; and

**WHEREAS**, risk factors include older age, exposure to estrogen-related drugs, alcohol, family history of breast cancer, Klinefelter syndrome, liver disease, testicular conditions and obesity; and

**WHEREAS**, symptoms include a painless lump or thickening in breast tissue, skin dimpling or puckering, and redness, scaling, and discharge in the breast area; and

**WHEREAS**, breast cancer is about 100 times less common in men than in women, which leads to a common misconception causing delayed diagnosis in men; and

**WHEREAS**, early detection of male breast cancer is critical to an increased chance of successful treatment and survival; and

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

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 14 -20, 2018 as**

### **“MALE BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WEEK”**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us to raise public awareness and understanding of male breast cancer, encourage early detection and prompt treatment, and support those who are currently fighting this often-overlooked disease.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fourth day of September 2018.

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

DOUGLAS S. CHIN  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i