



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society projects that more than 600,000 people will lose their lives to cancer in the United States in 2018; and

WHEREAS, in Hawai'i, more than 2,200 lives are lost each year due to cancer; and

WHEREAS, the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable estimates that over 200,000 deaths in the United States could be avoided with early and appropriate cancer screening for colorectal cancer alone; and

WHEREAS, the cancer death rate for men and women combined dropped 26% between 1991 and 2014 because of reductions in smoking and advances in early detection and treatment; and

WHEREAS, specifically, according to the American Cancer Society, the 5-year relative survival rates for cancers found at the local stage before they can develop further are about 92% for non-small cell lung cancers; 92% for colon cancers and 87% for rectum cancers; 93% for cervical cancers; 99% for breast cancers; and 97% for melanoma skin cancers; and

WHEREAS, many of these cancers are often preventable, and early detection and treatment are critical, as cancer does not always cause symptoms and often occurs in people with no family history; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, rates of screening for many cancer types in recommended populations remain substantially below Healthy People 2020 targets; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to reinforce the need for people to discuss their individual risk factors for cancer with their healthcare providers and understand the recommendations for and benefits of cancer screening now; and

WHEREAS, Cancer Screen Week is a public health initiative founded by Genetech, the American Cancer Society, Stand Up to Cancer and Rally Health to increase awareness about the lifesaving benefits of early cancer detection; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Cancer Plan will guide collaborative efforts among government, healthcare, physicians, researchers, businesses, nonprofits, private organizations and individuals to achieve the state's vision of "No More Cancer";

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim December 3 -7, 2018 as

"CANCER SCREEN WEEK"

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to talk to their healthcare providers about their risk factors for all cancer types including breast, cervical, colon, lung, prostate, and skin cancers, and seek recommended screening options.

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



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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