



Proclamation

WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer, a relatively rare but very aggressive disease, is the third leading cause of cancer-related deaths with a low survival rate of 9 percent, and a five-year survival rate of 7.7 percent; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, an estimated 55,440 Americans will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and 44,330 will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, the cause of most pancreatic cancers is unknown and symptoms are usually subtle, making early diagnosis difficult; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no early detection strategy and no treatment options that offer a cure; and

WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer incidence in Hawai'i remains significantly higher than in other states, ranking 6th in the U.S. overall; and

WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is a nonprofit organization dedicated to working together to advance research, support patients and create hope for those affected by pancreatic cancer; and

WHEREAS, the vision of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is to double the pancreatic cancer survival rate by the year 2020, investing in research to develop early detection tools and better treatment options for patients; and

WHEREAS, more than 80,000 patients and their family members receive current and reliable information on treatment options and access to a clinical trials database free of charge through the Network's Patient & Liaison Services; and

WHEREAS, nearly 80 percent of all pancreatic cancer research funding comes from the federal government with advocacy efforts leading the fiscal year 2019 funding package to include a \$2 billion increase for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), as well as a \$179.1 million increase for the National Cancer Institute;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim November 15, 2018 as

"WORLD PANCREATIC CANCER DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in raising awareness about pancreatic cancer to help save lives and create a brighter future for people around the globe.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this thirty-first day of October 2018.


DAVID Y. IGE

Governor, State of Hawai'i



DOUGLAS S. CHIN

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i