



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Youth Council of the Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawai'i is a group of dedicated young student leaders who lead presentations in the community and organize awareness events to increase support for local and state policies to combat tobacco and vaping among youth; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Council of the Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawai'i was instrumental in the passage of legislation to make Hawai'i the first Tobacco 21 state in the nation and in the passage of county smoke-free car laws to protect keiki from toxic secondhand smoke; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Council of the Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawai'i has been spearheading efforts to end the sale of candy-flavored tobacco products in Hawai'i and address the urgent need to stop the youth vaping epidemic; and

WHEREAS, e-cigarettes are the most popular tobacco product among youth in Hawai'i with 1 in 4 high school students and 1 in 6 middle school students reported using vaping products; and

WHEREAS, candy and fruit flavor e-cigarette liquids used in vaping entice young users, as evidenced by the fact that 8 in 10 youth who use tobacco started with a flavored tobacco product, and the use of e-cigarettes is higher among high school students than adults; and

WHEREAS, the FDA (Federal Drug Administration) deems e-cigarettes a tobacco product that contains nicotine and other potentially harmful chemicals that cause addiction, harm brain development and respiratory health, and may lead to continued use of cigarettes and other dangerous drugs among youth, and even cause seizures, coma and death in young children; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i is committed to protecting the health of our keiki;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 20, 2019 as

"KICK BUTTS DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in raising awareness of the risks of e-cigarettes, other tobacco products, and exposure to secondhand smoke; talk to children about the dangers of vaping and smoking; applaud the hundreds of middle school and high school students in Hawai'i who are leading the fight against Big Tobacco; and set the example by kicking the habit of smoking today.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this sixth day of March 2019.

JOSHUA B. GREEN
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i