

Proclamation

WHEREAS, chronic disease is defined as a condition that lasts one year or more and requires ongoing medical attention; and

WHEREAS, chronic diseases such as heart disease, cancer, arthritis, multiple sclerosis and diabetes are the leading causes of disability and premature death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, 6 out of 10 adults in America have a chronic disease; and

WHEREAS, some chronic diseases are “invisible,” and people affected by chronic diseases often face significant challenges, even with explaining their condition to friends and family; and

WHEREAS, chronic diseases can be disabling and reduce a person’s quality of life if left undiagnosed or untreated; and

WHEREAS, 90 percent of the \$3.3 trillion spent on healthcare in the U.S. is for treatment of chronic illnesses; and


WHEREAS, some of the deadliest and costliest chronic diseases are preventable and manageable through early diagnosis, improved diet, exercise and treatment therapy;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, do hereby proclaim July 10, 2020 as

“CHRONIC DISEASE DAY”

in Hawai‘i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in raising awareness of chronic disease, understand and support those affected by chronic conditions, and promote healthy living.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, this twenty-third day of June 2020.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai‘i