

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, in the United States, one person is diagnosed with breast cancer every two minutes; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 154,000 women and an unknown number of men are living with metastatic breast cancer which has spread to other parts of the body, including the bones, lungs, liver and brain; and

**WHEREAS**, currently, no cure exists for metastatic breast cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, in Hawai'i, an estimated 1,300 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed in 2020 and 160 people will die from the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, through research and advocacy, advances have been made in the fight against breast cancer, including an increased rate of early detection and a 98 percent five-year survival rate for localized breast cancer; and


**WHEREAS**, access to timely, affordable health care—including regular screening, diagnosis and treatment—is critical to improving survival rates for individuals with breast cancer;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim October 2020 as

## **“BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in recognizing breast cancer survivors for their strength and courage, preventing deaths through increased education and regular screenings, and celebrating the work of medical professionals and researchers who are striving to find a cure.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this tenth day of September 2020.

  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i