

Proclamation

WHEREAS, acupuncture is one of the oldest healing practices in the world that has been used for thousands of years to treat many conditions and improve a person's well-being; and

WHEREAS, there are over 30,000 licensed acupuncturists in the United States, of which 754 are in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i was the second state in the nation to license the practice of acupuncture in 1974; and

WHEREAS, acupuncturists in Hawai'i must complete a formal accredited acupuncture program with at least 2,175 hours and pass the state's approved licensing examination; and

WHEREAS, a licensed acupuncturist's scope of practice consists of pain relief and analgesia, functional and musculoskeletal disorders, and the maintenance of well-being, promotion of health and physiological balance; and

WHEREAS, acupuncturists insert fine needles to stimulate meridians or acupuncture points on the body for the purpose of controlling and regulating the flow and balance of energy; and


WHEREAS, acupuncturists are dedicated to the highest standards of professionalism and maintain these standards through education, credentialing, and a personal commitment;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 24, 2020 as

“ACUPUNCTURISTS DAY”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in recognizing the men and women who dedicate their lives to the acupuncture profession to provide care and services for millions of Americans.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-second day of October 2020.


DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i