



Proclamation

WHEREAS, cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among U.S. children between infancy and age 15; and

WHEREAS, more than 16,000 of our country's young people are diagnosed with cancer every year, and one out of five children loses the battle with cancer; and

WHEREAS, many infants, children and teens will suffer from long-term effects of comprehensive treatment, including secondary cancers; and

WHEREAS, on average, Hawai'i has 50–60 new cases of childhood cancer diagnoses each year; and

WHEREAS, with the length of treatment for childhood cancers averaging 12 months to 3 years, as many as 200 children may be on active treatment at any given time in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, national and local nonprofit organizations, such as the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection, affiliated with the Hawai'i Lions Club Foundation, help children with cancer and their families cope through educational, emotional and financial support; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection provide a variety of vital patient psychosocial services to children undergoing cancer treatment at the Tripler Army Medical Center, Shriners Hospital for Children, Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women and Children, Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in Honolulu, and other participating hospitals throughout the country;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim September 2021 as

“CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in promoting awareness and support children and youth patients by recognizing their determination and bravery in the fight against cancer.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-first day of June 2021.


DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i