

Proclamation

WHEREAS, an estimated 2,650 men in the United States are diagnosed with breast cancer each year and an estimated 530 men each year will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer is commonly seen as a disease affecting only women, a misconception that can delay diagnosis and treatment in men, often leading to death; and

WHEREAS, early detection of male breast cancer is critical, as men who are diagnosed when breast cancer is in its earliest stages have an increased chance of successful treatment and, ultimately, survival; and

WHEREAS, due in part to a lack of awareness that men can develop the disease, men are generally diagnosed with breast cancer at a later stage than women, which affects prognosis and treatment; and


WHEREAS, in order to facilitate early diagnosis and prompt treatment of male breast cancer, public education, awareness, and understanding of the disease is necessary; and

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim October 17–23, 2021 as

“MALE BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WEEK”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in raising awareness and understanding, remember the men who have lost their lives to breast cancer, and show support for those who are currently fighting this disease.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this seventeenth day of October 2021.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i