

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF HAWAII

**SECOND EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION
RELATED TO SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

By the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Hawaii, to provide relief for disaster damages, losses, and suffering, and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people, I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawaii, hereby determine, designate and proclaim as follows:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 127A, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), emergency powers are conferred on the Governor of the State of Hawaii to respond to disasters or emergencies, to maintain the strength, resources, and economic life of the community, and to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2022, I issued my Proclamation declaring an emergency created by food insecurity for the families of Hawaii;

WHEREAS, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), managed by the United States Department of Agriculture, is the largest food nutrition assistance program. SNAP provides benefits to eligible low-income individuals and families via an Electronic Benefits Transfer card. This card can be used like a debit card to purchase eligible food in authorized retail food stores;

WHEREAS, the emergency supplemental payments to Hawaii residents continue to be significant; for the month of April 2022, 92,903 families (172,464 individuals) received additional benefits of \$18,376,454 in federally authorized SNAP emergency allotments to help address food needs during the state and national public health emergency periods;

WHEREAS, these individuals continue to find themselves suffering from food insecurity as they struggle to provide food for themselves and their families due to the effects of the pandemic coupled with the continued increase in the cost of daily living – groceries, child care, transportation, and utility costs as record inflation rates climb along with the unprecedented rise in gas prices;

WHEREAS, without the additional federal SNAP emergency allotments, families suffering from food insecurity may not be able to adequately feed their families;

WHEREAS, the imminent danger or threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the families of Hawaii caused by food insecurity continues to constitute an emergency under section 127A-14, Hawaii Revised Statutes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawaii, hereby determine that an emergency or disaster contemplated by section 127A-14, HRS, continues in the State of Hawaii, and do hereby declare the existence of a state of emergency for the limited purpose of administering the available SNAP emergency allotment relief to alleviate food insecurity for individuals and families during the national public health emergency.

I FURTHER DECLARE that the disaster emergency relief period shall continue through July 22, 2022, or until terminated by a separate proclamation, or until the national public health emergency period related to the COVID-19 pandemic terminates, whichever shall occur first.

Done at the State Capitol, this 23rd
day of May 2022.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor of Hawaii

APPROVED:



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