



Proclamation

WHEREAS, each year in the United States more than 15,780 children from birth to 19 years old are diagnosed with cancer—more than 43 diagnoses each day; and

WHEREAS, approximately 1 in 285 children in the United States will be diagnosed with cancer before their twentieth birthday; and

WHEREAS, globally, there are more than 300,000 children diagnosed with cancer each year; and

WHEREAS, every 3 minutes, somewhere in the world a family will hear the devastating words that their child has been diagnosed with cancer; and

WHEREAS, although the 5-year survival rate for childhood cancers has reached 84 percent, nearly 1,500 American children under the age of nineteen still die each year from cancer, making it the leading cause of death by disease for children in the United States; and

WHEREAS, two-thirds that do survive will face at least one chronic health condition later in life including, but not limited to, heart, liver, lung damage, infertility, secondary cancers, and growth deficits; and

WHEREAS, the causes of childhood cancer are largely unknown and more studies are needed to understand which treatments work best for children; and

WHEREAS, cancer treatment for children often must differ from traditional adult treatments as children's bodies are still growing and developing, and cancer and its treatments are more likely to affect developing organs; and

WHEREAS, on average, Hawai'i has 50–60 new cases of childhood cancer diagnosed each year and as many as 200 children may be in treatment at any given time in Hawai'i;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim September 2022 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 fifth day of August 2022.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i