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March 20, 2021

The Honorable David Y. Ige
Governor, State of Hawaii
Executive Chambers, State Capitol
415 S Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

PROCLAMATION REQUEST

Dear Governor Ige,

Attached please find my 2021 "Medical Cannabis Day" Proclamation request.

This is an extremely important day for our medical cannabis patients and the State because it offers a way to honor our patients and their struggle to overcome discrimination these past twenty-one years and a chance to recognize the right of patients to engage in the state authorized use of cannabis for medical purposes in Hawaii.

For the last two years your office has denied similar proclamation requests. I hope that this year's submission meets with your approval.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this request. Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions or concerns.

Aloha,

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"A State Authorized Use Supporter"

PROCLAMATION PROPOSAL

WHEREAS, States have retained the authority to decide how controlled substances are used within the state; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii lawfully exercised this authority on June 14, 2000, when Governor Cayetano signed Act 228 (SLH 2000) into law, creating a state regulated medical cannabis program for Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice and the Drug Enforcement Administration have never challenged the constitutionality of Hawaii's Medical Use of Cannabis Act; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii's Medical Cannabis Program has enabled tens of thousands of patients with debilitating medical conditions to benefit from the personal medical use of cannabis under medical supervision for the past twenty-one years; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this proclamation is to honor our medical cannabis patients and to recognize their right to engage in the state authorized use of cannabis for medical purposes in Hawaii;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the **State of Hawaii**, do hereby proclaim June 14, 2021 as

“MEDICAL CANNABIS DAY”

in Hawaii and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the twenty-first anniversary of the day that cannabis was authorized for medical use in Hawaii.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawaii, this fourteenth day of June 2021.