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March 20, 2021

The Honorable Derek S.K. Kawakami
Mayor, County of Kauai
4444 Rice Street, Suite 235
Lihue, HI 96766

PROCLAMATION REQUEST

Dear Mayor Kawakami,

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

June 14, 2021 is an extremely important day for our medical cannabis patients and the County of Kauai because it offers an opportunity to honor our patients and their struggle to overcome discrimination these past twenty-one years and gives us a chance to recognize the right of patients to engage in the state authorized use of cannabis for medical purposes in Hawaii.

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

Aloha,

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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, Derek S.K. Kawakami, Mayor of Kauai, State of Hawaii, do hereby proclaim June 14, 2021 as

“MEDICAL CANNABIS DAY”

And ask the people of the County of Kauai to join us in recognizing the twenty-first anniversary of the state authorized use of cannabis for medical purposes in Hawaii.

Done at the Office of the Mayor, Lihue, Hawaii, this fourteenth day of June 2021.