



Proclamation Request

WHEREAS, the authority to accept the medical use of controlled substances is retained by the states under our system of government known as federalism; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii determined that cannabis has medical use in Hawaii on June 14, 2000, when Governor Cayetano signed Hawaii's Medical Use of Cannabis Act into law; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii's Medical Use of Cannabis Act is codified as Act 228 under section IX of Hawaii's Uniform Controlled Substances Act; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii has operated a state-regulated medical use of cannabis program for the past nineteen years without any opposition from the U.S. Department of Justice; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii's Medical Use of Cannabis Program has enabled tens of thousands of patients with debilitating medical conditions to benefit from the personal medical use of cannabis in Hawaii under medical supervision; and

WHEREAS, the medical use of cannabis in Hawaii is currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States, which means that the federal regulation that lists cannabis as a Schedule I controlled substance does not apply to the medical use of cannabis 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, 2019 as

“MEDICAL CANNABIS DAY”

in Hawaii and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing that the medical use of cannabis in Hawaii is lawful activity under both state and federal law.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawaii, this fourteenth day of June 2019.

Submitted online to the Governor's Office on May 10, 2019 at 7:05 am