



*Proclamation*  
*Presented to*

**Hawai'i COPD Coalition**

**WHEREAS**, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is a chronic, systemic disease, which includes emphysema, chronic bronchitis and chronic asthma; and

**WHEREAS**, COPD is the third leading killer in the United States and is the only one of the top ten killers that continues to increase in number; and

**WHEREAS**, COPD kills more than 120,000 Americans every year, which equates to one death every four minutes; and

**WHEREAS**, in the United States, more than 15 million adults are diagnosed with COPD while an equal or greater number of undiagnosed sufferers exist; and

**WHEREAS**, smoking and secondhand smoke remain major causes of COPD, but it is estimated that one in six COPD patients never smoked; and

**WHEREAS**, a genetic form of COPD, Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (Alpha-1), affects about 4 percent of those who have COPD but is under-diagnosed and under-treated due to lack of awareness; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i COPD Coalition seeks to increase awareness of COPD in Hawai'i by offering resources and providing individualized information about lung health, free monthly support group meetings and an annual education day; and

**WHEREAS**, November has been designated National COPD Month since 2001, and citizens are encouraged to wear orange, the color recognized as the national color for COPD; and

**WHEREAS**, Wednesday, November 21, 2018 has been designated as World COPD Day as well as Hawai'i COPD and Alpha-1 Day;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim November 2018 as**

**“HAWAI'I COPD AND ALPHA-1 MONTH ”**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in raising awareness of COPD and educating the public about risk factors, testing and treatment options such as tobacco cessation, pulmonary rehabilitation and exercise.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this first day of October 2018.



DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i



DOUGLAS S. CHIN  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i