



Proclamation

WHEREAS, more than 9 million Americans suffer with gout, the most common form of inflammatory arthritis, caused by uric acid build-up in the joints; and

WHEREAS, gout is a chronic disease characterized by sudden and excruciating painful attacks; and

WHEREAS, gout impacts a patient's workplace, community, and daily quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians, Asian Americans, and Asian Pacific Islanders are at an increased risk of gout; and

WHEREAS, of the 9 million Americans who suffer with gout, nearly 50,000 of them are living in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, stigma, lack of awareness and misinformation may hinder treatment for gout; and

WHEREAS, heightening public awareness can reduce the unfair stigma people with gout experience, and empower patients to seek quality care and timely treatment.

THEREFORE I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 22, 2023 as

"GOUT AWARENESS DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in this observance.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this thirteenth day of April 2023.

Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i