

Proclamation

WHEREAS, knowledge of civics is imperative to understanding what government is, how it works, the principles upon which it was founded, how it affects each individual, and how individuals can influence or change it; and

WHEREAS, understanding the history, workings, organization, and evolution of our governmental systems, and the role of citizens in the governmental processes, is the very core of citizenship and civic duty; and

WHEREAS, the importance of civics awareness in Hawai'i includes informing students about our system of the three branches of government, the checks and balances between those branches of government, and that our democracy is designed to promote self-government, in other words, the participation of individual citizens; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i is a unique and special place and therefore civics in our state should also encompass an understanding of the cultural diversity of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i remains committed to having students and citizens be knowledgeable about civics in order to be active citizens who help shape the future of our country and state; and

WHEREAS, it is important to encourage all of Hawai'i's citizens to promote civics awareness and knowledge;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 2022 as

"CIVICS AWARENESS MONTH"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in promoting civics education and knowledge for our students and citizens throughout the islands.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twentieth day of September 2022.

DAVID Y. IGE

Governor, State of Hawai'i