

## 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 important roles each citizen can have in governmental processes, is the core of citizenship and civic duty; and

WHEREAS, 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 and the participation of individual citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, it is also important for students and citizens to understand how government operates at the federal, state and county levels; 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 actively participate in shaping the future of our country and state; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to encourage all the citizens of Hawai'i to promote civics awareness and knowledge.

THEREFORE I, JOSH GREEN, M.D., Governor of the State of Hawai'i do hereby proclaim November 2023, 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, on this third day of November 2023.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.

Governor, State of Hawai'i