

COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

Proclamation

WHEREAS on June 14, 2000, Governor Benjamin J. Cayetano signed into law a bill decriminalizing the use of cannabis for medical purposes; and

WHEREAS the Aloha State was the first state to legalize medical cannabis through the state legislature, rather than through a ballot initiative process. Today, medical cannabis is legal in 36 states and the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS the Hawai'i Department of Health's Dispensary Licensing Program monitors the quality of cannabis products from seed to sale, making medical products readily available for registered patients while balancing the health and safety of patients and the public; and

WHEREAS medical cannabis can be used to treat severe pain and other specified symptoms of eligible debilitating medical conditions such as ALS, cancer, glaucoma, lupus, epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis, AIDS, and PTSD; and

WHEREAS Hawaii's Medical Cannabis Program has enabled tens of thousands of patients with debilitating medical conditions to benefit from the personal medical use of cannabis under medical supervision for the past twenty-two years; and

WHEREAS this new and growing industry supports patients' choice for holistic, integrative, healthcare options and expands high value, eco-friendly agriculture, and well-paid career options for the citizens of Hawai'i County; and

WHEREAS the purpose of this Proclamation is to honor medical cannabis patients and to recognize their right to engage in the state authorized use of cannabis for medical purposes in Hawai'i.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MITCHELL D. ROTH, Mayor of the County of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 14, 2022, as

MEDICAL CANNABIS DAY

in the County of Hawai'i as an opportunity to thank the medical professionals, researchers, cultivators, dispensary professionals, patients, and caregivers on the twenty-second anniversary of the state authorized use of cannabis for medical purposes in Hawai'i.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused The Seal of the County of Hawai'i to be affixed. Done this 14th day of June 2022, in Hilo, Hawai'i.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mitchell D. Roth".

MITCHELL D. ROTH
MAYOR