



Proclamation

WHEREAS, on June 14, 2000, Governor Ben Cayetano signed Act 228 into law, creating a state regulated medical cannabis program for our state, and subsequent legislation provided for a regulated dispensary and patient registry system; and

WHEREAS, Act 228 recognized the medical benefits of cannabis in treating or alleviating pain or other symptoms associated with certain debilitating illnesses; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice and the Drug Enforcement Administration have never challenged the constitutionality of Hawai'i's Medical Use of Cannabis Act; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Department of Health Medical Cannabis Program has enabled tens of thousands of patients to benefit from the personal medical use of cannabis under medical supervision for the past 21 years; and

WHEREAS, the Medical Cannabis Program provides for the administration of the Medical Cannabis Patient Registry Program and the Medical Cannabis Dispensary Program to ensure medical cannabis is accessible for patients, while making patient safety and public safety its priorities; and

WHEREAS, June 14, 2021, will mark 21 years since the enactment of Act 228 on June 14, 2000,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK BLANGIARDI, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, do hereby proclaim June 14, 2021, to be

MEDICAL CANNABIS DAY

to commemorate the 21st anniversary of the medical use of cannabis in the City and County of Honolulu and to extend deep appreciation to service providers and healthcare professionals for improving the lives of patients.



Done this 14th day of June, 2021,
in Honolulu, Hawai'i.

Rick Blangiardi

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