June 7, 2019

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

Re: HB655 HD1

HB655 HD1, entitled "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH" became law on April 23, 2019, without my signature, pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the State Constitution, as ACT 036 (19), Session Laws of Hawaii 2019.

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawaii
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that every two days, one person in Hawaii falls victim to suicide, the leading cause of fatal injury deaths in the State. The legislature also finds that from 2010 to 2014, suicide accounted for twenty-six percent of all fatal injuries among Hawaii residents, claiming more victims than motor vehicle collisions, homicides, unintentional poisoning, and drowning.

The purpose of this Act is to designate the month of September as "Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month" to increase public awareness of suicide prevention education, resources, and support available to individuals, families, and communities in Hawaii.

SECTION 2. Chapter 8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"§8- Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month. The month of September shall be known and designated as "Suicide
Prevention and Awareness Month. This month is not and shall not be construed as a state holiday.

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

APPROVED this day of , 2019

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII
HB No. 655, HD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: February 28, 2019
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019.

Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives

Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: APR 04 2019
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Third Reading in the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019.

Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate

Carol T. Taniguchi
Clerk of the Senate