April 19, 2023

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate,
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

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

This is to inform you that on April 19, 2023, the following bill was signed into law:

HB899 HD2 RELATING TO HEALTH.
ACT 012

Sincerely,

Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai‘i
RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that alcohol consumption during pregnancy has been recognized as the leading preventable cause of birth defects and developmental disorders in the United States. According to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, an estimated one in eight women drink alcohol during pregnancy, placing their children at risk for a variety of developmental, cognitive, and behavioral issues.

The legislature also finds that as many as forty thousand babies are born in the United States each year with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder, an umbrella term used to describe the range of physical and cognitive deficits, many of them lifelong, that may be experienced by persons whose mothers drank alcohol during pregnancy.

The purpose of this Act is to designate the month of September as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Month to promote public awareness of the risks of alcohol consumption during pregnancy.
SECTION 2. Chapter 8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"§8- Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Month.
The month of September shall be known and designated as "Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Month" to promote public awareness of the risks of alcohol consumption during pregnancy. This month is not and shall not be construed to be a state holiday."

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this 19th day of April, 2023

[Signature]

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII
HB No. 899, HD 2

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: March 7, 2023
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023.

Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives

Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: MAR 3 1 2023
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Third Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023.

Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate

Carol T. Taniguchi
Clerk of the Senate