

DAVID Y. IGE GOVERNOR

GOV. MSG. NO. 1137

June 7, 2019

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

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

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

Covernor's signature APR 23 2019

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE, 2019 STATE OF HAWAII

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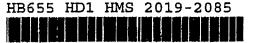
ACT 036 H.B. NO. 655 H.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that every two days, one
- 2 person in Hawaii falls victim to suicide, the leading cause of
- 3 fatal injury deaths in the State. The legislature also finds
- 4 that from 2010 to 2014, suicide accounted for twenty-six per
- 5 cent of all fatal injuries among Hawaii residents, claiming more
- 6 victims than motor vehicle collisions, homicides, unintentional
- 7 poisoning, and drowning.
- The purpose of this Act is to designate the month of
- 9 September as "Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month" to
- 10 increase public awareness of suicide prevention education,
- 11 resources, and support available to individuals, families, and
- 12 communities in Hawaii.
- SECTION 2. Chapter 8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
- 14 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
- 15 read as follows:
- 16 "§8- Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month. The month
- 17 of September shall be known and designated as "Suicide



- 1 Prevention and Awareness Month". This month is not and shall
- 2 not be construed as a state holiday."
- SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored. 3
- 4 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.

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Scott K. Saiki Speaker House of Representatives

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Brian L. Takeshita

Chief Clerk

House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: APR 0 4 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