
HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING THE 2019 HAWAII HEALTHCARE HEROES
FOR DELIVERING OUTSTANDING AND EXEMPLARY CARE TO PATIENTS
AND THEIR FAMILIES ACROSS THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, many of Hawaii's healthcare professionals aid
2 those in need and provide comfort to families, often without
3 recognition, and do so without any other intent but to improve
4 the quality of life for patients and their families and loved
5 ones; and
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7 WHEREAS, the Healthcare Association of Hawaii has been a
8 leading voice for healthcare providers in the State since 1939,
9 while also advocating for state and federal policies to achieve
10 a sustainable healthcare system that provides accessible and
11 quality care for the people of Hawaii; and
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13 WHEREAS, in 2013, the Healthcare Association of Hawaii
14 established the Hawaii Healthcare Heroes award program to
15 provide patients and their families the opportunity to recognize
16 and honor extraordinary healthcare workers across our State; and
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18 WHEREAS, BRANDY BOYCE, a 2019 Hawaii Healthcare Hero, is
19 employed as a registered nurse in the Neonatal Intensive Care
20 Unit at the Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children,
21 where she cares for severely sick children, using her expertise
22 to improve the health and well-being of her patients; she also
23 cares passionately about them in ways that are uplifting and
24 inspiring, demonstrating exceptional professionalism and
25 commitment that embody the true essence of the aloha spirit; and
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27 WHEREAS, LYNE ELSMAN and JOCELYN NISHIOKA, 2019 Hawaii
28 Healthcare Heroes, are currently working as patient navigators
29 at The Queen's Women's Health Center Oncology Unit, where they
30 play an important role in the care and treatment of breast
31 cancer patients by providing hope and guidance throughout each



1 patient's journey from diagnosis to surgery, treatment, and
2 survivorship; they have always put their patients' interests
3 first, working tirelessly with oncologists, surgeons, and other
4 healthcare providers to ensure that necessary steps are taken to
5 help ease chemotherapy and radiation treatments; and

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7 WHEREAS, WALTER IGAWA-SILVA, M.D., a 2019 Hawaii Healthcare
8 Hero, is currently working as a Staff Physician at the Tripler
9 Army Medical Center, Veterans Affairs Honolulu Regional Office;
10 his dedication and exceptional professionalism have changed the
11 lives of retired veterans and contributed to the health and
12 well-being of those who have come under his care; he graduated
13 from the Stanford University School of Medicine in 2013 and
14 previously worked at Straub Clinic and Hospital in Honolulu; and

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16 WHEREAS, MERVIN "MERV" LUM, RPh., a 2019 Hawaii Healthcare
17 Hero, works as a Pharmacist at Foodland Kapolei Pharmacy, and
18 his determination, diligence, and unwavering dedication to
19 helping patients manage their prescription needs have helped to
20 promote their health and well-being, thereby improving their
21 quality of life; and

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23 WHEREAS, AGUSTA "ANGIE" YORO, a 2019 Hawaii Healthcare
24 Hero, is the Lead Medical Technician at Kalakaua Gardens, Oahu's
25 premier senior assisted living facility, where she enjoys
26 working with seniors and treats them as if they were her own
27 parents or grandparents; always with a smile and encouraging
28 words, she ensures that her patients take their medication, eat
29 their meals, get dressed, and are ready to participate in the
30 daily scheduled programs and activities; she is instrumental in
31 providing a safe and secure environment for seniors, where they
32 are treated with kindness and respect; and

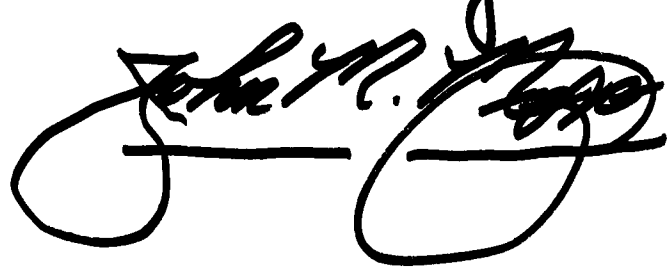
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34 WHEREAS, these outstanding healthcare professionals have
35 been selected as recipients of the 2019 Hawaii Healthcare Heroes
36 award from a large field of nominees, representing individuals
37 who routinely provide a quality of care that goes above and
38 beyond the call of duty, thereby strengthening our families and
39 communities; now, therefore,



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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
3 2020, that this body hereby recognizes and congratulates the
4 2019 Hawaii Healthcare Heroes for delivering outstanding and
5 exemplary care to patients and their families across the State
6 and extends to them its warmest aloha and best wishes for
7 continued success in all their future endeavors.
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