Proclamation

WHEREAS, National Community Health Worker Awareness Week is observed in August, led by the National Association of Community Health Workers, in order to spotlight the incomparably vital services that these dedicated individuals provide; and

WHEREAS, community health workers are trusted, diverse frontline caregivers with a close understanding of the given communities in which they work. They play an instrumental role in keeping us safe and educated; and

WHEREAS, these essential public health workers build relationships, facilitate access to necessary services, promote cultural competency, disseminate health knowledge and help community members to become more self-sufficient; and

WHEREAS, community health workers improve outcomes for those they serve through a range of roles including outreach, education, assessments, direct services, care coordination, case management, systems navigation and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, in Hawai‘i, our community health workers help build capacity for care and equitable treatment across the state, including in underserved and rural areas; and

WHEREAS, throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Maui wildfires, Kona Low storms and federal changes, they have served steadfastly by meeting peoples’ needs where they are; and

WHEREAS, as a cross-sector industry, community health workers are able to reduce barriers to well-being and independence by navigating a variety of fields; and

WHEREAS, decades of research have documented the positive impact of community health work on maternal and child health, chronic disease intervention, immunization, oral health, HIV, primary care and more; and

WHEREAS, in order to carry on this critical work, we must ensure fair market wages and enhanced recruitment tactics; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai‘i Community Health Worker Association will be holding the 2026 Hawai‘i Community Health Worker Conference to support the mission of increased access to training, education and multi-sector collaboration with collective effort.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Josh Green, M.D., Governor of the **State of Hawai‘i**, do hereby proclaim August 2026, as

“COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER AWARENESS MONTH”

in Hawai‘i and urge all those in the Aloha State to join in honoring these dedicated individuals and organizations for all that they do to improve the health and wellness of our communities.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, this seventh day of July 2026.

Josh Green M.D.

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