



# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, The United States Senate has previously recognized the Month of January as “One Health Month”; and

**WHEREAS**, One Health is defined as a collaborative and transdisciplinary approach of multiple health and social science professions, together with their related disciplines and institutions – working locally, nationally, and globally – to attain optimal health for people, domestic animals, wildlife, and their shared environment; and

**WHEREAS**, One Health as an approach to solving problems has gained the support of bodies including, but not limited to, the World Health Organization, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and many other US federal departments and agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, Many organizations across Hawaii have begun explicitly using a One Health approach, including the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa’s One Health Interdisciplinary Undergraduate Certificate Program, the John A Burns School of Medicine Certificate of Distinction in One Health, the US Military Public Health Command-Pacific, and Hawaii’s Department of Health and state Legislature as enacted by HB 1891 SD1; and

**WHEREAS**, Hawai‘i is globally unique in the systemic interactions among human, animal, and environmental health domains, including the effects of climate change, invasive species, plant and animal conservation efforts, tropical and zoonotic diseases, human-wildlife interactions, and sustainable agriculture and fisheries.

**WHEREAS**, Hawai‘i also hosts many One Health approaches recognizing the links between human health and the welfare of pet animals, which include risks posed by domestic violence, food insecurity, housing instability, and barriers to veterinary care; and

**WHEREAS**, Solving these complex problems requires an integrated approach and concerted efforts of multiple professionals and trainees working in a variety of fields, such as human health, animal health, environmental sciences, public health, statistics, economics, agronomy, social sciences, human-animal studies, engineering, and natural resource management and stewardship;

**THEREFORE I, JOSH GREEN, Governor of the State of Hawai‘i**, do hereby proclaim the month of January, 2023, as

## **“Hawai‘i One Health Month”**

and call upon the people of Hawai‘i to support, strengthen and expand One Health-related efforts in Hawai‘i.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, this twenty-seventh day of December 2022.

  
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JOSH GREEN, M.D.  
Governor, State of Hawai‘i