



*Special Message from  
Governor David Y. Ige*

*In Recognition of*

**World AIDS Day Hawai'i**

December 1, 2022

On behalf of the State of Hawai'i, I extend my warmest aloha to all attendees of today's event, as we gather together as a community at the historic Iao Theater in Wailuku, Maui, and celebrate World AIDS Day Hawai'i.

For the first time in history, the section from the National AIDS Memorial Quilt representing Hawai'i has been shipped to Maui for an extremely rare viewing. With this unique and special opportunity to view the Hawai'i panels of the quilt, may we remember and pay tribute to those we have lost in Hawai'i, right within our local communities.

Today, let us raise awareness and be reminded that there is still work to do in the fight against AIDS. While great progress has been made in the treatment for those living with HIV/AIDS, there is no cure, and the epidemic continues to claim lives, globally and locally. I commend Gilead Sciences, Inc. for sponsoring this event and creating this once in a lifetime opportunity for the people of Hawai'i.

Mahalo to the Maui AIDS Foundation, organizers, volunteers, and everyone who worked hard to make this historical event a success. Please accept my best wishes for a memorable event!

With warmest regards,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i