



GOV. MSG. NO. 1181

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

JUN 17 2022

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

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

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on **JUN 17 2022**, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2202 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO VOLUNTEER MONTH.
ACT 081

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VOLUNTEER MONTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that statistics released
2 in November 2018 by the Corporation for National and Community
3 Service, also known as Americorps, show that approximately
4 seventy-seven million Americans volunteered a total of nearly
5 seven billion hours in 2017, which is estimated to be worth
6 \$167,000,000,000 in value.

7 The legislature acknowledges that many public agencies and
8 private organizations in small towns, rural counties, and even
9 the largest cities would not be able to function without the
10 services provided by volunteers. From the anonymous volunteers
11 who donate their resources to those whose efforts are part of a
12 national organization or local grassroots group, volunteers
13 provide valuable support to communities in times of need,
14 including services such as fundraising; preparing, distributing,
15 or serving food; mentoring youth; engaging in general labor;
16 supplying transportation; providing professional or management
17 assistance; supporting and staffing fire and ambulance
18 departments; and providing medical care. The legislature also



1 recognizes that volunteerism strengthens the foundation of
2 neighborhoods and communities, as it magnifies one's ability to
3 perform good works and contribute to the greater good, and
4 creates social momentum that increases the volunteer's desire to
5 engage fully with the community.

6 The legislature also finds that in 1974, the United States,
7 through presidential proclamation, designated the third week of
8 April as National Volunteer Week to support, extend, and enhance
9 the vital and valuable services offered by volunteers. Since
10 then, National Volunteer Week has grown exponentially with
11 thousands of volunteer projects and special events scheduled
12 throughout the week. The legislature also acknowledges that in
13 1991, the month of April became National Volunteer Month as part
14 of President George H. W. Bush's A Thousand Points of Light
15 campaign, as a month dedicated to honoring the volunteers in
16 communities and encouraging volunteerism.

17 The selfless dedication of services by volunteers in the
18 country has been essential, especially while the nation
19 confronted and continues to recover from the challenges caused
20 by the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic. Countless individuals
21 volunteered their time, effort, and skills to administer



1 vaccines; staff vaccination centers; conduct testing and contact
2 tracing; and provide food, water, and other necessities to
3 individuals who were required to stay home during this hardship.
4 In recognition of the enduring contributions of these
5 volunteers, on April 16, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden issued
6 a proclamation designating April 18 through April 24, 2021, as
7 National Volunteer Week, calling upon all Americans to observe
8 the week by volunteering in service projects across the country
9 and pledging to make service a part of their daily lives.

10 The purpose of this Act is to designate the month of April
11 of each year as the State's volunteer month to honor volunteers
12 in the community and encourage participation in service projects
13 throughout the month.

14 SECTION 2. Chapter 8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
15 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
16 read as follows:

17 "§8- Volunteer Month. The month of April shall be known
18 and designated as "Volunteer Month" to honor volunteers in the
19 community and encourage participation in service projects
20 throughout the month. This month is not and shall not be
21 construed as a state holiday."



1 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

2 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.



S.B. NO. 2202
H.D. 1
C.D. 1

APPROVED this 17 day of June , 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Ige". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: May 3, 2022
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2022.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 2202, HD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 3, 2022
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives