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

This is to inform you that on July 11, 2017, the following bill was signed into law:

SB786 SD1 HD1 CD1 RELATING TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA
ACT 170 (17)

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai‘i
RELATING TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the term "marijuana" originated as a slang term to describe the genus of plants that is scientifically known as cannabis. "Marijuana" has no scientific basis but carries prejudicial implications rooted in racial stereotypes from the early twentieth century era when cannabis use was first criminalized in the United States. The term "cannabis" carries no such negative connotations and is a more accurate and appropriate term to describe a plant that has been legalized for medicinal use in Hawaii, twenty-seven other states, the District of Columbia, and the United States territories of Guam and Puerto Rico.

The legislature further finds that all references to "medical marijuana" and "medical use of marijuana" contained in the Hawaii Revised Statutes and Hawaii Administrative Rules should be amended to instead refer to "medical cannabis."

SECTION 2. All references to "medical marijuana," "medical use of marijuana," "manufactured marijuana products" and like terms, as the case may be, in chapter 329D, part IX of chapter...
329, and sections 46-4, 201-13.9, 209E-2, 235-2.4, 237-24.3,
304A-1865, 321-30.1, 329-43.5, 421J-16, 453-1.3, 514A-88.5,
514B-113, 521-39, and 846-2.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be
amended to "medical cannabis," "medical use of cannabis,"
"manufactured cannabis products" or like terms, as the case may
be, as the context requires.

SECTION 3. By operation of law, title 11 of the Hawaii
Administrative Rules shall be construed as having been amended
in conformance with section 2 of this Act; provided that if and
when the department of health amends chapter 11-160 or chapter
11-850, Hawaii Administrative Rules, it shall conform the
wording in those chapters to section 2 of this Act at the time
of the amendment.

SECTION 4. The department of health shall revise all
documents, letterhead, websites, and other necessary items to
conform with section 2 of this Act as the documents, letterhead,
websites, and other necessary items otherwise require revision,
replacement, or reprinting; provided that all conforming
revisions shall be completed by December 31, 2019.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this 11 day of JUL 2017

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: May 2, 2017
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017.

Joseph M. Souki
Speaker
House of Representatives

Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives
S.B. No. 786, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2017
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017.

[Signature]
President of the Senate

[Signature]
Clerk of the Senate