Proclamation

WHEREAS, acupuncture medicine has a long and rich history as a component of a comprehensive traditional medical system that has been used for thousands of years to diagnose and treat illness, prevent disease and improve well-being; and

WHEREAS, practitioners of acupuncture and herbal medicine are dedicated to the highest standards of professionalism and are required to maintain these standards through education, credentialing and personal commitment; and

WHEREAS, millions of Americans seek the services of acupuncturists each year; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that those in need of medical services understand the full realm of available modalities and seek competent and professional care; and

WHEREAS, acupuncture and herbal medicine provide complementary approaches to health and wellness and contribute to a diverse, patient-centered, integrative healthcare system that supports the health and well-being of the people of Hawai‘i; and

WHEREAS, Hawai‘i is one of three states that prohibit the practice of dry needling by practitioners who are not licensed acupuncturists; and

WHEREAS, this regulation reflects the State’s commitment to protect patients, to preserve the integrity of acupuncture medicine and to ensure that invasive needling procedures are performed by appropriately educated and qualified professionals.

THEREFORE, I, Josh Green, M.D., Governor of the **State of Hawai‘i,** do hereby proclaim October 24, 2026, to be

“ACUPUNCTURE AND HERBAL MEDICINE DAY”

in Hawai'i, and I encourage the people of the Aloha State to learn more about the potential benefits of acupuncture and herbal medicine.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this fifth day of October, 2026.

Josh Green M.D.

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Governor, State of Hawai‘i