

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF HAWAII

**EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION
RELATED TO SUNSHINE LAW IN-PERSON MEETINGS**

By the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Hawai'i, to provide relief for disaster damages, losses, and suffering, and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people, I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, hereby determine, designate and proclaim as follows:

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, I issued a Proclamation declaring a state of emergency to support ongoing State and county responses to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19);

WHEREAS, I subsequently issued several proclamations related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including proclamations that, *inter alia*, suspended laws to enable State and county responses to COVID-19; implemented a mandatory self-quarantine for all persons entering the State and traveling between counties; directed statewide coordination between the State and counties; and mandated safe practices to reduce the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, as of December 29, 2021, the State continues its efforts to vaccinate our population and the activities of the State continue with appropriate and additional mitigation measures;

WHEREAS, the recorded number of cases has continued to increase at a significant rate, with more than 106,000 documented cases of COVID-19 in the State and approximately 1,085 deaths attributed to this disease;

WHEREAS, the highly contagious SARS-CoV-2 Delta and Omicron strains continue to cause high case numbers around the world, across the United States, and in our State;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to create considerable risk of infection for members of our community, and continues to endanger the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Hawai'i to require the serious

attention, effort, and sacrifice of all people in the State to avert catastrophic impacts to the State;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues, directly and indirectly, to pose a substantial risk of economic loss and dislocation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, pursuant to section 127A-13(a)(3), HRS, hereby suspend, but only as explicitly set forth below and as allowed by federal law, section 92-3.7, HRS, **remote meeting by interactive conference technology; notice; quorum**, as to be modified by Act 220, 2021 Haw. Sess. Laws 801 on January 1, 2022, only to the extent necessary to suspend the requirement to have at least one meeting location that is open to the public. This limited suspension ensures entities can conduct meetings safely under the Sunshine Law using interactive conference technology given the recent increase in COVID-19 cases, while retaining in force all other provisions of Act 220.

I FURTHER DECLARE that the Proclamation issued on November 29, 2021 remains in effect through January 28, 2022 and that this Proclamation shall remain in effect through February 28, 2022, unless either Proclamation is terminated or superseded by a separate proclamation, whichever shall occur first.

Done at the State Capitol, this 29th
day of December 2021.



DAVID Y. IGE,
Governor of Hawai'i

APPROVED:



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Attorney General
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