



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, our health, safety, and well-being are often dependent on the commitment of all first responders, including law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, road crews, and tow operators who conduct valuable and often life-saving operations; and

**WHEREAS**, they are called to duty at all hours of the day and night, in adverse weather conditions, and in a dangerous roadside conditions to risk their lives to assist those in need; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2023 seven tow trucks, one ambulance and thirty-seven police officers on duty were injured in crashes; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Hawai'i promotes safety through public awareness and education to protect all first responders as they courageously work to clear incidents; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Hawai'i's Move Over Law requires drivers approaching stopped emergency vehicles, with emergency lights activated, to slow down and to move over to provide a protective buffer for responders if possible and safe to do so; and

**WHEREAS**, Crash Responder Safety Week (CRSW) provides the State of Hawai'i an opportunity to raise awareness that every emergency responder and every driver has a responsibility for traffic incident safety, and by staying alert, avoiding distractions, and by driving safely around traffic incidents obeying the Move Over Law, to improve safety on our roads and help save lives.

**THEREFORE I, JOSH GREEN, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII'I**, do hereby proclaim the week of November 18-24, 2024 as

## **“CRASH RESPONDER SAFETY WEEK”**

in Hawai'i and urge all our citizens to observe the Move Over Law to ensure that crash responders can safely perform their critical services for all of us.

**Josh Green, M.D.**  
**Governor, State of Hawai'i**