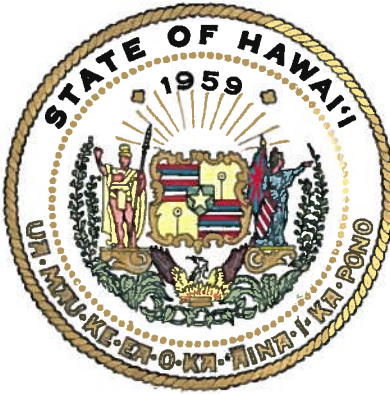




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*Special Message from Governor David Y. Ige  
In Recognition of*

**The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
State Laboratories Facility on Waimano Ridge  
July 31, 2015**

I would like to extend my warmest aloha and congratulations to those who are gathered here to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the State Laboratories Facility in Pearl City which opened in 1995. The role of this division of the State Department of Health, under the leadership of Dr. A. Christian Whelen, is to provide specialized laboratory services focusing on environmental health and communicable disease control.

Through the years, you have gained many recognitions for your work. Among them are: the Department Team of the Year Award in 2010, the National Lab Response Network Excellence in Partnership Award in 2012, and the Association of Public Health Laboratories Nation's Healthiest Lab Runner-Up Award in 2013.

Your accomplishments are numerous. They include vigorous responses to: bioterrorism threats, pesticide adulteration, volcanic emissions, marine spills, an influenza pandemic, and numerous other communicable disease investigations.

On behalf of the people of Hawai'i, I would like to commend the employees of the State Laboratories for two decades of dedicated service and outstanding performance. Thank you for your role in keeping the environment clean and our public safe and healthy.

With warmest regards,

*David Y. Ige*

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