



Proclamation

Presented to

Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita Support, Inc.

WHEREAS, Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita (AMC) is a rare condition that occurs in utero where there are multiple congenital (from birth) joint contractures, or multiple joints that are stuck in one position and have very limited flexibility, resulting in low muscle tone; and

WHEREAS, arthrogryposis, which occurs in 1 in 3,000 live births, is an umbrella diagnosis with 400 syndromes and subtypes currently identified such as Amyoplasia and Distal, although some individuals never have their type of Arthrogryposis identified; and

WHEREAS, the cause of arthrogryposis is not fully known at this time but may likely be due to an unborn baby not moving properly during fetal development; and

WHEREAS, there is no cure, stretching, various therapies (physical, occupational, speech, etc.) and some surgical interventions can help improve a person's independence level and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, June 30, 2016 families across the world will be wearing the color blue to honor those affected by arthrogryposis; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness and expanded knowledge of arthrogryposis, as well as its impact on the quality of life of those affected, will allow the community at large to better support people who struggle with the challenges of this disorder;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 30, 2016 as

“ARTHROGRYPOSIS AWARENESS DAY”

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to learn more about arthrogryposis and how it affects members of our community.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this seventh day of June 2016.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i