

*Proclamation
In Recognition of*

Gastroschisis Awareness Day

WHEREAS, there are approximately 1 in 2,229 individuals born with gastroschisis in the United States, with roughly the same annual rate in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, many Americans living with gastroschisis have serious and debilitating conditions that have a significant impact on their lives, including failure to thrive, slow growth, short bowel syndrome, multiple organ transplants, and long-term feeding issues; and

WHEREAS, individuals and families affected by gastroschisis often experience problems such as feeling isolated, difficulty obtaining an accurate and timely diagnosis, facing limited treatment options, getting access to care and reimbursement for treatment; and

WHEREAS, the cause of gastroschisis is relatively unknown, and patients and their families must bear a large share of the burden for responsibilities such as raising funds for research; and

WHEREAS, a proclamation to designate a Gastroschisis Awareness Day will highlight the need for fundraising and support for research and education; and

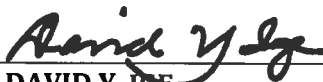
WHEREAS, Avery's Angels Gastroschisis Foundation (AAGF) is organizing a nationwide observance of Gastroschisis Awareness Day on July 30, 2016;

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

"Gastroschisis Awareness Day"

and encourage the people of the Aloha State to join us in this worthwhile observance.

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



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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