



Proclamation

Presented to the

Epilepsy Foundation of Hawai'i

WHEREAS, one in 26 people in the United States suffer from epilepsy, and more than 15,000 Hawai'i residents have epilepsy; and

WHEREAS, more people are affected by epilepsy than autism spectrum disorders, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis and cerebral palsy combined; and

WHEREAS, the Epilepsy Foundation of Hawai'i (EFH) was first established in 1971 and has provided support programs, educational services, outreach and advocacy for people affected by epilepsy; and

WHEREAS, the mission of EFH is to help people with epilepsy overcome the challenges of living with a seizure disorder, accelerate therapies to stop seizures, find a cure and save lives from Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy; and

WHEREAS, EFH is committed to making all schools in Hawai'i seizure smart by offering training sessions for school nurses and school personnel so that they are better equipped to recognize and respond to seizures and provide the best possible environment for students who experience seizures; and

WHEREAS, the foundation offers art therapy programs and "talk story" support groups in a safe setting, allowing participants to express emotions, relieve tension, discuss practical problems of daily living, and communicate with others who understand their struggles.

WHEREAS, EFH is hosting the *Breakthrough Epilepsy Conference: Education, Innovation & Inspiration* on November 12, 2016, at the Queen's Conference Center, which is free and open to the public to learn about current treatment options, generic antiepileptic drugs, seizure monitoring devices, and how to build a support network and more;

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

"EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH"

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to participate in the community education outreach of Epilepsy Foundation of Hawai'i and support the children, adults, and families who live with epilepsy so they know that they are not alone and they can manage epilepsy and live a fulfilling life.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this twenty-first day of October 2016.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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