



*Proclamation  
Presented to*

**Lynch Syndrome International**

**WHEREAS**, Lynch Syndrome, a part of hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer (HNPCC), is a hereditary condition that causes greater risks of developing colorectal, endometrial, ovarian, stomach, hepatobiliary tract, urinary tract and other types of cancers; and

**WHEREAS**, Lynch Syndrome creates a hereditary predisposition to a litany of cancers often at an early onset age, with some risks up to 82 percent for colorectal cancer, up to 71 percent for endometrial cancer, up to 24 percent for ovarian cancer, up to 13 percent for gastric cancer and up to 4 -10 percent for urinary tract cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, one in 144 Americans have Lynch Syndrome but the majority have not been diagnosed; and

**WHEREAS**, every person should know their family history and share it with their physician to determine if their family may be at high risk for hereditary cancers and prompt genetic testing; and

**WHEREAS**, every newly diagnosed colorectal cancer and endometrial cancer should be screened for Lynch Syndrome characteristics to prompt risk assessment and genetic testing; and

**WHEREAS**, a positive genetic test will determine if these cancers are hereditary or familial, qualify affected individuals for regular cancer screening tests and growths, detect polyps and tumors early, and treat or remove them before becoming life threatening; and

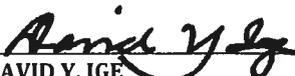
**WHEREAS**, having knowledge of a Lynch Syndrome diagnosis can increase cancer prevention through regular screening measures and lead to earlier cancer detection and treatment;

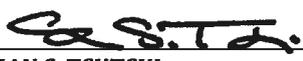
**THEREFORE I DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 22, 2017 as**

**“LYNCH SYNDROME HEREDITARY AWARENESS DAY”**

in Hawai'i and encourage all residents of the Aloha State to learn more about this hereditary condition, to collect their family history information, and to share it with their healthcare provider in order to assess individual risk and take steps toward prevention and detection.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this third day of March 2017.

  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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