



Proclamation

In Recognition of

Wolf-Hirschhorn Syndrome Awareness Day

WHEREAS, Wolf-Hirschhorn syndrome is an incurable genetic condition that affects many parts of the body, including facial appearance and physical growth and development, and causes intellectual disability, low muscle tone, and seizures; and

WHEREAS, the prevalence of Wolf-Hirschhorn syndrome is estimated to be 1 in 50,000 births, with approximately 1,000 individuals in the United States currently identified with the condition through genetic testing although others may be undiagnosed; and

WHEREAS, about 30 percent of those with 4p- syndrome die within the first few years of life; however, that rate is beginning to decrease due to advances in medical technology and community awareness; and

WHEREAS, public support can increase research that seeks to understand 4p- syndrome, advocate for effective diagnostic screenings, support the development of improved therapies for early intervention and other critical treatments, and offer hope to families affected by 4p- syndrome; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i recognizes the valuable role which families and advocates of those who have 4p- syndrome play in helping our medical community advance the awareness of this syndrome;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April 16, 2017 as

“WOLF-HIRSCHHORN SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY”

in Hawai'i and urge all citizens to join national efforts to raise awareness of 4p- syndrome, and to support people with 4p- syndrome and their caregivers.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this twelfth day of April 2017.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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