

Proclamation

In Recognition of

Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month

WHEREAS, over 125,000 Americans are living with Neurofibromatosis (NF) and 1 in every 3,000 births is diagnosed with this rare genetic disorder, yet, it is still relatively unknown to the public; and

WHEREAS, NF affects all populations equally, regardless of race, ethnicity or gender; and

WHEREAS, NF causes tumors to grow on nerves throughout the body and can also affect development of the brain, cardiovascular system, bones and skin possibly leading to blindness, deafness, bone abnormalities, disfigurement, learning disabilities, disabling pain, and cancer; and

WHEREAS, according to the Children's Tumor Foundation, in Hawai'i, an estimated 500 families are impacted by NF; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Tumor Foundation is the leading advocacy group to promote and financially sponsor world-class medical research aimed at finding effective treatments and, ultimately, a cure for NF; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Tumor Foundation is actively fostering collaborative partnerships in both science and industry to speed the drug research and development process through various consortia; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Tumor Foundation strives to improve access to quality patient healthcare through its national NF Clinic Network and provides patient and family support through its information resources, youth programs, and local chapter activities; and

WHEREAS, raising the public's awareness of NF will help to promote early diagnosis leading to proper management and treatment, prevention of complications, and support for research;

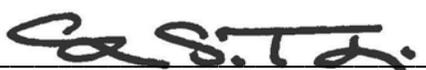
THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 2017 as

“NEUROFIBROMATOSIS AWARENESS MONTH”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in supporting the NF community by learning about this rare and relatively unknown genetic disorder.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this 1st day of May 2017.


DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i


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