



Proclamation
Presented to the

Epilepsy Foundation of Hawai'i

WHEREAS, 3.4 million people or 1.2 percent of the population in the United States suffer from epilepsy, and more than 15,000 Hawai'i residents have this disorder; and

WHEREAS, more people are affected by epilepsy than autism spectrum disorders, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis and cerebral palsy combined, and may develop it at any moment in their lifetime; 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 individuals and families affected by epilepsy; and

WHEREAS, the mission of EFH is to help people overcome the challenges of living with epilepsy, accelerate therapies to stop seizures and Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP), find a cure and save lives; 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, allowing participants within the epilepsy community to express emotions, relieve tension, discuss practical problems of daily living, and communicate with others who understand their struggles;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim November 2017 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 live a fulfilling life while managing epilepsy.

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

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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