



Proclamation

Presented to

Lynch Syndrome International

WHEREAS, Lynch Syndrome is the most commonly inherited condition that accounts for 3 to 5 percent of all cases of colorectal cancer and 10 to 15 percent of colorectal cancers diagnosed in patients younger than age 50; and

WHEREAS, individuals with Lynch Syndrome have an increased risk of colorectal cancer and other Lynch Syndrome-associated cancers, including those that affect the endometrium, ovaries, stomach, small bowel and urothelial tract; and

WHEREAS, nearly 1 million Americans are estimated to live with Lynch Syndrome, and it is believed that as many as 500,000 Lynch Syndrome carriers have no idea they are at risk of colorectal cancers; 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, providing family medical history to physicians will help to determine if a person may be at high risk for hereditary cancers and if prompt genetic testing is needed; 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 they becoming life threatening; and

WHEREAS, regular screening measures for Lynch Syndrome can increase cancer prevention and lead to earlier cancer detection and treatment;

THEREFORE I DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 22, 2018 as

“LYNCH SYNDROME HEREDITARY CANCER 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 second day of February 2018.


DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i