



# Proclamation

*In Recognition of*

## 4p- /Wolf-Hirschhorn Syndrome

**WHEREAS**, the health and general well-being of the people of Hawai'i is strengthened by the awareness and understanding of genetic disorders such as 4p- syndrome, also known as Wolf-Hirschhorn syndrome; and

**WHEREAS**, 4p- syndrome is caused by a chromosomal deletion that results in atypical facial features and developmental delays among other symptoms; and

**WHEREAS**, children with 4p- syndrome are usually born with low birth weight and experience delayed cognitive and physical development and a range of medical complications; and

**WHEREAS**, 4p- Syndrome Awareness Day was established by the 4p- Support Group, a nonprofit organization and the only national organization to support those living with and affected by 4p- syndrome through every stage of life and to raise awareness of this genetic disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, the 4p- Support Group estimates that approximately 1,000 individuals in the United States have 4p- syndrome although many remain undiagnosed; and

**WHEREAS**, dedicated professionals are involved in valuable research to explore new therapies and diagnostic tools to offer hope and support to persons with 4p- syndrome; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no cure for 4p- syndrome, however, the early mortality rate of those afflicted by the syndrome is decreasing due to advances in medical technology and community awareness; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Hawai'i is pleased to join people throughout the nation in raising awareness of 4p- syndrome and to show support for families and caregivers of persons with the syndrome;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April 16, 2018 as**

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in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the importance of increased research to understand the syndrome, advocate for effective diagnostic screenings, and support the development of improved therapies for early intervention and other necessary treatments, which will help to advance knowledge and raise awareness of 4p- syndrome.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this sixth day of April 2018.

  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

  
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DOUGLAS S. CHIN  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i