Proclamation
In Recognition of
Congenital Disorders of Glycosylation Awareness Day

WHEREAS, Congenital Disorders of Glycosylation (CDG) are a group of rare metabolic disorders that affect normal organ development and the neurological system, leaving children, adolescents and adults impaired with significant physical and developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, CDG are severely underdiagnosed and misdiagnosed with approximately 1,000 cases in the world, and 160 cases currently in the United States; and

WHEREAS, unexplained developmental delay, speech and language difficulties, poor balance or motor control, vision problems, intestinal problems, seizures and stroke-like episodes are symptoms of CDG; and

WHEREAS, lack of public awareness and visibility of CDG contributes to under-diagnosis, resulting in difficulties with accessing specialized services, proper rehabilitation and patient support; and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis of CDG with a simple blood test is important to ensure timely management of clinical complications, genetic counseling, and treatment and therapeutic remedies whenever available; and

WHEREAS, people living with CDG can live fulfilling and independent lives with managed care, education and training; and

WHEREAS, raising CDG awareness helps to strengthen future medical and therapeutic advancement that leads to improved care;

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

“CONGENITAL DISORDERS OF GLYCOSYLATION AWARENESS DAY”

in Hawai‘i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in the effort to raise awareness of CDG for a healthier Hawai‘i now and in the years ahead.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, this seventh day of May 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