



Proclamation

In Recognition of

Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma Awareness Day

WHEREAS, brain tumors are the leading cause of cancer-related deaths in children; and

WHEREAS, Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG) is the second most common malignant brain tumor found in children and the deadliest childhood cancer, responsible for 80% of pediatric brain tumor deaths each year; and

WHEREAS, DIPG typically strikes children between the ages four and eleven, affecting between 200 and 400 children in the United States each year; and

WHEREAS, DIPG is a highly aggressive brain tumor that is inoperable due to its location and has no cure; and

WHEREAS, DIPG progresses very rapidly by taking over a child's motor functions one by one; and

WHEREAS, symptoms include vision problems, difficulty controlling facial expressions, speech, chewing and swallowing, weakness in the arms and legs, problems with balance and coordination, and partial paralysis; and

WHEREAS, DIPG is fatal, eventually affecting a child's ability to breathe; and

WHEREAS, the median survival time is 9 months from diagnosis, and only 10% of children with DIPG survive for 2 years and less than 1% survive for 5 years; and

WHEREAS, radiation therapy is the current form of treatment but can only extend life typically by 3 months; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i joins in the fight against DIPG;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 17, 2018 as

"DIFFUSE INTRINSIC PONTINE GLIOMA AWARENESS DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in learning more about DIPG, increase awareness of symptoms, support the families affected by DIPG, and advocate for more research funding, to make a difference in the lives of children and families affected by DIPG.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this ninth day of May 2018.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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