

Proclamation

In Recognition of

Light It Up Green for Muscular Dystrophy Month

WHEREAS, muscular dystrophy (MD) covers more than 52 different types of muscular and neuromuscular diseases ranging in severity and rate of progression; and

WHEREAS, MD results in progressive muscle weakness, functional disability and loss of the ability to walk—from mild cases to complete paralysis of all voluntary muscles, including those used for breathing and swallowing; and

WHEREAS, the onset of MD can occur in infancy, early childhood, teenage years or adulthood; and

WHEREAS, research efforts by the Muscular Dystrophy Association, National Institutes of Health, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and other partners have yielded new treatments for several types of MD diseases, including Duchenne, Spinal Muscular Atrophy, Myasthenia Gravis, and Lou Gehrig's Disease (ALS); and

WHEREAS, raising public awareness of these diseases will facilitate the discovery of new treatments and cures, as well as raise funds to provide health services and other resources for those affected by muscular and neuromuscular diseases; and

WHEREAS, MD is caused by the absence of dystrophin, a green-colored protein involved in maintaining the integrity of muscle tissues; and


WHEREAS, Light It Up Green for MD Month is a special opportunity to educate the public about muscular dystrophy and issues the MD community faces;

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


“LIGHT IT UP GREEN FOR MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY MONTH”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in educating ourselves and others about muscular dystrophy and recognizing the countless accomplishments and contributions of the MD community.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-sixth day of June 2018.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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