



Proclamation

In Recognition of

Gastroparesis Awareness Month

WHEREAS, gastroparesis (stomach paralysis) is a chronic condition that affects the normal spontaneous movement of the stomach muscles, preventing the stomach from emptying properly; and

WHEREAS, symptoms include severe abdominal pain, nausea and vomiting, and can lead to malnourishment, dehydration, extreme weight loss, esophageal damage and other complications; and

WHEREAS, over 1.5 million Americans suffer from gastroparesis, and at least 20 percent of those with Type 1 diabetes will develop gastroparesis in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, those living with gastroparesis are often required to severely alter their diet or take certain medications that lose their effectiveness over time and can cause serious side effects; and

WHEREAS, scientists and doctors are currently unsure what the causes of gastroparesis are – only that the vagus nerve that often manages one’s digestion can be damaged by diseases, diabetes, or surgery; and

WHEREAS, there is little awareness, no known cure, and a limited amount of resources available for researching gastroparesis and related diseases; and

WHEREAS, with the proper healthcare and emotional and physical support, those affected by gastroparesis can resume daily activities and live full and happy lives;

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

“GASTROPARESIS AWARENESS MONTH”

in Hawai‘i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the importance of raising awareness about gastroparesis, support those living with gastroparesis, and educate ourselves on the risk factors, symptoms and effects.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, this second day of July 2018.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai‘i



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