

## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, epilepsy is the most common neurological disorder in the United States and its prevalence is greater than autism spectrum disorders, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis and Parkinson's disease combined; and

**WHEREAS**, epilepsy is a medical condition that produces sudden recurrent episodes of sensory disturbance, loss of consciousness or convulsions, associated with abnormal electrical activity in the brain, and can develop at any point in a person's life; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 15,000 Hawai'i residents have this disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, the Epilepsy Foundation of Hawai'i was first established in 1971 and is the only organization in Hawai'i that provides support programs and promotes epilepsy awareness, education, outreach and advocacy for people affected by epilepsy; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Epilepsy Foundation of Hawai'i is to help people with epilepsy overcome the challenges of living with a seizure disorder, accelerate therapies to stop seizures, find a cure and save lives from Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP); and


**WHEREAS**, the foundation is committed to making all schools in Hawai'i "seizure smart" by offering training sessions for school nurses and school personnel so that they are better equipped to recognize and respond to seizures and provide the best possible environment for students who experience seizures;

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

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in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to participate in community education outreach with the Epilepsy Foundation of Hawai'i and support the children, adults and families who live with epilepsy so they know that they are not alone and they can live a fulfilling life while managing epilepsy.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this nineteenth day of November 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