



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Lynch syndrome, formerly known as hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer (HNPCC), is a hereditary condition caused by gene mutation that results in a greater risk of colorectal, endometrial, ovarian, stomach, hepatobiliary tract, urinary tract, skin, and brain cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, Lynch syndrome causes cancer to occur at an earlier age with up to 82% higher lifetime risk for colorectal cancer, 71% risk for endometrial cancer, 24% risk for ovarian cancer, 13% risk for gastric cancer and 10% risk for urinary tract cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 3 out of every 100 colon cancers or endometrial cancers are caused by Lynch syndrome; and

**WHEREAS**, family members with a strong family history of colorectal cancer are more likely to have Lynch syndrome; and

**WHEREAS**, patients should know their family history and share it with their physician to determine if their family may be at high risk for hereditary cancers and prompt genetic testing; and

**WHEREAS**, every newly diagnosed colorectal cancer and endometrial cancer should be screened for Lynch syndrome to prompt risk assessment and genetic testing; and

**WHEREAS**, Lynch syndrome diagnostic testing can improve cancer prevention through regular screening measures and lead to earlier cancer detection and treatment;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 22, 2019 as**

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in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the importance of knowing one's family health history and the need for early diagnosis of Lynch syndrome and treatment to save lives.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this sixteenth day of January 2019.

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

JOSHUA B. GREEN  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i