



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG) is the second most common malignant brain tumor found in children; and

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

WHEREAS, DIPG affects between 200 and 400 children in the United States each year; and

WHEREAS, DIPG affects a child's motor functions and progresses very rapidly; 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, prognosis has not improved for children with DIPG in more than 35 years, but new medical technology and research finally offer hope for treatments for children afflicted with this disease; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i is proud to help increase public awareness of this deadly childhood cancer and do its part to help make a difference in the lives of children and families affected by DIPG;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 17, 2019 as

"DIPG AWARENESS DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in learning more about Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma, increase awareness of symptoms, support the families affected by DIPG, and advocate for more research funding.

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

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

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i