

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, lissencephaly is a rare condition that causes a baby's brain to develop with few or no folds; and

**WHEREAS**, the absence of folds in the cortex affects the nervous system, resulting in mild to life-threatening symptoms and developmental delays; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated about 1 in 100,000 babies are born with this condition; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals living with this condition may also suffer from hypertonia, epilepsy, swallowing disorders, developmental delays, and more; and

**WHEREAS**, addressing the complex medical needs early in life is imperative to helping families successfully care for their children at home; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no cure for lissencephaly but treatment with physical therapy, occupational therapy, seizure control management and supportive care can help children with lissencephaly reach his or her potential level of development; and


**WHEREAS**, Lissencephaly Foundation Inc., a nonprofit organization, helps support individuals with this rare condition through continued efforts of empowering families and educating communities;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim September 8, 2020 as

## **“LISSENCEPHALY AWARENESS DAY”**

in Hawai'i and urge citizens of the Aloha State to join me in raising awareness and support for families who struggle with the challenges of lissencephaly.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this first day of September 2020.

  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i