

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, thrombocytopenia-absent radius (TAR) syndrome is a rare genetic disorder that affects fewer than one in 100,000 newborns; and

**WHEREAS**, TAR is characterized by the absence of the radius bone in each forearm and a platelet deficiency of blood cells; and

**WHEREAS**, other abnormalities include underdevelopment of the forearm and malformations of the heart and kidney defects; and

**WHEREAS**, thrombocytopenia (platelet deficiency) prevents normal blood clotting, resulting in easy bruising, frequent nosebleeds and potentially life-threatening hemorrhages in the brain and other organs; and

**WHEREAS**, TAR syndrome does not affect intelligence, but brain hemorrhages can cause damage and lead to intellectual disability; and


**WHEREAS**, early intervention is important to ensure that children with TAR syndrome reach their potential;

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

## **“TAR SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH”**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in raising awareness of TAR syndrome, understand the unique challenges that affected individuals and families go through every day, and applaud them for their strength and determination to achieve their full potential and lead normal, independent lives.

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

  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i