

NET Cancer Awareness Day

WHEREAS, neuroendocrine tumors (NETs) often develop into cancer and if left untreated can result in serious illness and death; and

WHEREAS, according to the Carcinoid Cancer Foundation, there are currently more than 120,000 recognized cases of the disease in the United States, with between 11,000 and 12,000 new patients diagnosed annually; and

WHEREAS, since 1972, approximately 300 people in Hawai'i have been diagnosed with NET cancer; and

WHEREAS, neuroendocrine tumors can be detected with a special blood or urine test; however, NET cancer patients are often misdiagnosed or receive a delayed diagnosis which can have a negative impact on their chance of survival and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, although there have been advances in the detection and treatment of NET cancers, not all patients are benefiting quickly enough from scientific and medical progress in the field; and

WHEREAS, with timely diagnosis and proper treatment, NET cancer patients can have a significantly improved outcome and quality of life;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim November 10, 2017 as

"NET CANCER AWARENESS DAY"

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to learn more about NET cancers and the need for timely diagnosis and access to optimal treatment and care.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this thirtieth day of October 2017.

DAVID Y. IG

Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i