

Proclamation

WHEREAS, neuroendocrine tumors (NETs), found most commonly in the lung or gastrointestinal system, often develop into cancer; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of NET cancers can vary, and typical symptoms include bowel obstruction, diarrhea, abdominal pain, wheezing, chronic ulcer disease and epigastric pain; and

WHEREAS, NETs can affect people of any age and can be slow-growing or very aggressive; and

WHEREAS, the number of diagnosed NET patients is growing quickly with recognized cases in the United States now exceeding 120,000; and

WHEREAS, the malignancy and metastatic potential of NETs are frequently underestimated, and 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, survival for NET cancer patients is further compromised by fragmented care and lack of access to specialized treatment; and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis of NET cancer may be as simple as ordering a special blood or urine test; and

WHEREAS, when caught at an early stage, NET cancers can often be cured with surgery; and

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

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim November 10, 2018 as


“NET CANCER AWARENESS DAY”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in encouraging patients, caregivers, healthcare professionals, as well as the wider community, to work together to raise awareness 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 twenty-second day of October 2018.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



DOUGLAS S. CHIN
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i