



# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, neuroendocrine tumors (NETs), most commonly found in the lung or gastrointestinal system, often develop into cancer and if left untreated, can result in serious illness or death; 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 175,000; and

**WHEREAS**, 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 treatment by networks of specialists; and

**WHEREAS**, typical symptoms of NET cancers include diarrhea, abdominal pain, wheezing, chronic ulcer disease and epigastric pain; and

**WHEREAS**, a special blood or urine test may lead to early diagnosis of NET cancer and expedite treatment options; 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, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim November 10, 2019 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 first day of November 2019.

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

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i