



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Multiple System Atrophy (MSA) is a rare, complex and life-threatening neurodegenerative disease; and

WHEREAS, according to the Multiple System Atrophy Coalition, MSA affects approximately 50,000 Americans; and

WHEREAS, MSA affects a person's balance and coordination, bladder and bowel functions, blood pressure, speech, swallowing, and breathing; and

WHEREAS, early signs of MSA include sleeping abnormalities, fainting episodes, difficulty initiating movement, body stiffness, incontinence, and increased falls; and

WHEREAS, MSA symptoms are very similar to Parkinson's disease and an accurate diagnosis is often delayed or misdiagnosed; and

WHEREAS, a multidisciplinary approach to MSA care includes physical, psychological, and financial support for patients and caregivers, including support groups; and

WHEREAS, increased education and awareness are needed to assist in accurately diagnosing MSA and to raise funds for research for treatments with fewer side effects and ultimately a cure;

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

“MULTIPLE SYSTEM ATROPHY AWARENESS MONTH”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join the MSA worldwide community in its efforts to raise awareness of this rare disease and build support for MSA patients and families.

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



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i