



Proclamation

WHEREAS, trisomy is a genetic disorder with no known cause and is not preventable; and

WHEREAS, a baby with trisomy is born with an extra chromosome in some or all of his or her cells; and

WHEREAS, health conditions associated with trisomy include congenital malformations, intellectual and developmental disabilities, heart defects, and vision or hearing problems; and

WHEREAS, common types of trisomy in newborns are trisomy 21 (Down syndrome), trisomy 18 (Edwards syndrome), and trisomy 13 (Patau syndrome); and

WHEREAS, individuals born with trisomy 21 (Down syndrome) have mild to moderate intellectual disabilities and a life expectancy of about 60 years; and

WHEREAS, babies born with trisomy 18 (Edwards syndrome) often have heart defects and other life-threatening conditions with only about 10 percent living to celebrate their first birthday; and

WHEREAS, trisomy 13 (Patau syndrome) occurs in about 1 in 10,000 births each year worldwide, resulting in heart defects, brain or spinal cord abnormalities, and multiple physical problems, also with a low survival rate; and

WHEREAS, local support groups, medical professionals and online communities offer education, encouragement, and counseling for those managing trisomy pregnancies or raising trisomy-affected children;

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

“TRISOMY AWARENESS MONTH”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in raising awareness and learning about all forms of trisomy, applaud the strength and love of trisomy-affected families, and help people with developmental disabilities achieve their full potential.

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



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i