



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Lynch Syndrome, formerly known as hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer (HNPCC), is a hereditary condition that causes greater risk of developing colorectal, endometrial, ovarian, stomach, hepatobiliary tract, urinary tract, skin, and brain cancer; and

WHEREAS, Lynch Syndrome creates a hereditary predisposition to a number of cancers at a high lifetime risk and often at an early onset age—the risk includes up to 82% for colorectal cancer; up to 71% for endometrial cancer; up to 24% for ovarian cancer; up to 13% for gastric cancer, and up to 4–10% for urinary tract cancer; and

WHEREAS, geneticists have projected that around 1,000,000 persons throughout the U.S. live with Lynch Syndrome, and studies show that only 5–10% have been diagnosed, leaving many persons vulnerable to develop cancer; and

WHEREAS, every person should know their family history and share it with their physician to determine if their family may be at high risk for hereditary cancers and prompt genetic testing; and

WHEREAS, every newly diagnosed colorectal cancer and endometrial cancer should be screened for Lynch Syndrome characteristics to prompt risk assessment and genetic testing; and

WHEREAS, a positive genetic test will determine if these cancers are hereditary, qualifying affected individuals for regular cancer screening tests so that growths, polyps and tumors may be detected early and treated or removed before becoming life threatening;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 22, 2020, as

“LYNCH SYNDROME HEREDITY CANCER AWARENESS DAY”

in Hawai'i and encourage all citizens of Hawai'i to learn their families' health histories and discuss them with their physicians in order to assess individual risk and take steps toward detection and prevention.

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



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i