

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG) is the second most common malignant brain tumor found in children and the leading cause of childhood deaths due to brain tumors; and

WHEREAS, DIPG almost exclusively affects children, typically between the ages of 4 and 11; and

WHEREAS, each year, between 200 and 400 children are diagnosed with DIPG in the United States; and

WHEREAS, prognosis has not improved for children with DIPG in more than 35 years, but new medical technology and research finally offer hope for treatments for children afflicted with this disease: and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i is pleased to help increase public awareness of this deadly childhood cancer;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 17, 2020 as

"DIFFUSE INTRINSIC PONTINE GLIOMA (DIPG) AWARENESS DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in in learning more about Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma, increase awareness of symptoms, support the families affected by DIPG, and remember the precious lives of the children who battled bravely against DIPG.

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

Governor, State of Hawai'i