

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, neuroendocrine tumors (NETs) are cancers which arise from neuroendocrine cells found throughout the body, often occurring in the lung, pancreas and digestive system; and

**WHEREAS**, NETs can spread to other parts of the body such as the lymph nodes, liver or bones; and

**WHEREAS**, symptoms such as abdominal pain, diarrhea, bloating, skin rash and heartburn are commonly associated with many other conditions, making NETs easily misdiagnosed; and

**WHEREAS**, a misdiagnosis or delayed diagnosis can have a negative impact on a patient's 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 specialists; and

**WHEREAS**, although there have been advances in the detection and treatment of NET cancers, not all patients are benefiting quickly enough from the scientific and medical progress in the field; and


**WHEREAS**, with early diagnosis and proper treatment, NET cancer patients can have significantly improved outcomes and quality of life;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor** of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim November 10, 2020 as

## **“NET CANCER AWARENESS DAY”**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in raising awareness of NET cancers and the need for timely diagnosis and access to optimal treatment and care.

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

  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i