



# *Proclamation*

## *In Recognition of*

## **Multiple System Atrophy Awareness Month**

**WHEREAS**, Multiple System Atrophy (MSA) is a rare degenerative and terminal neurological disease, which has a distinctive impact on each patient; and

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

**WHEREAS**, symptoms include problems with balance, coordination, gait, bladder and bowel functions, speech, swallowing, and breathing; and

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

**WHEREAS**, there are some medications that treat the symptoms and some clinical trials for the development of improved treatment, but much more research is needed for better management of the disease and ultimately, a cure; and

**WHEREAS**, increased education and awareness are needed to assist in accurately diagnosing MSA; and

**WHEREAS**, March has been proclaimed as Multiple System Atrophy Awareness Month among the MSA worldwide community in dealing with the devastating effects of MSA;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor** of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim March 2021 as

## **“Multiple System Atrophy Awareness Month”**

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the efforts of the MSA community in providing education and resources for individuals and families affected by this challenging disease.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-fifth day of February 2021.

  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i