



# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, trisomy is a genetic disorder in which a person is born with an extra chromosome, resulting in health conditions such as congenital malformations, heart defects, cognitive and developmental disabilities, learning disabilities, delayed speech, 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), typically with heart defects, brain or spinal cord abnormalities, and multiple physical problems, occurs in about 1 in 10,000 births each year worldwide; 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 2021 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, show support for families currently experiencing trisomy, 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 nineteenth day of February 2021.

  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i