

Proclamation

WHEREAS, thrombocytopenia-absent radius (TAR) syndrome is a rare genetic disorder that affects about one in 100,000 newborns; and

WHEREAS, TAR is characterized by the absence of the radius bone in the forearms and a platelet deficiency of blood cells; and

WHEREAS, other abnormalities include underdevelopment of the forearms, heart malformations and kidney defects; and

WHEREAS, thrombocytopenia (platelet deficiency) prevents normal blood clotting, resulting in easy bruising, frequent nosebleeds and potentially life-threatening hemorrhages in the brain and other organs; and

WHEREAS, TAR syndrome does not affect intelligence, but brain hemorrhages can lead to intellectual disability; and


WHEREAS, early intervention is important to ensure that children with TAR syndrome reach their potential;

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

“TAR SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in raising awareness of TAR syndrome, understand the challenges that affected individuals and families go through every day, and applaud them for their strength and determination to achieve their full potential and lead normal, independent lives.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this seventeenth day of March 2021.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i