

Proclamation

WHEREAS, X-linked hypophosphatemia (XLH) is a rare genetic form of rickets, of which 20%-30% are spontaneous mutations, that progressively impacts skeletal, muscular and dental health throughout a person's life; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Institutes of Health, XLH affects about one in 20,000 newborns; and

WHEREAS, signs of XLH typically show up in toddlers when leg bowing becomes more apparent; and

WHEREAS, XLH is often undiagnosed or misdiagnosed as a vitamin D deficiency, and untreated XLH is associated with growth limitation and bony abnormalities; and

WHEREAS, early accurate diagnosis is vital to effective treatment which can improve bone growth and development; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of XLH include bowed or bent legs, waddling gait, stunted growth, bone and joint pain, muscle pain, impaired mobility, tooth abscesses and hearing loss; and

WHEREAS, XLH is not a curable disease, however dedicated researchers around the world continue their efforts to understand how genetic mutations work with the hope that a cure will one day be found; and


WHEREAS, The XLH Network Inc (www.xlhnetwork.org) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting XLH awareness and education, creating resources, and working with medical professionals in the search for a cure;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 23, 2021 as

“XLH AWARENESS DAY”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in promoting awareness and early diagnosis to improve the quality of life for XLH patients and affected families and caregivers.

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



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i