



Proclamation

WHEREAS, X-linked hypophosphatemia (XLH) affects about one in 20,000 people and is a whole-life, whole-body, potentially disabling disorder, affecting bones, teeth, muscle function, and energy levels; and

WHEREAS, the key characteristic of XLH is a low level of phosphorus in the blood and, as a rare genetic condition, XLH is often undiagnosed or misdiagnosed as simple vitamin D deficiency; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of XLH may include lower limb deformities, waddling gait, short stature, spontaneous tooth abscesses, bone pain, fatigue, calcifications, and muscle pain or weakness; and

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

WHEREAS, the genes that carry the mutations have been identified and dedicated researchers around the world continue their efforts to understand how genetic mutations work with the hope of finding a cure; and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis is extremely important for effective XLH treatment, and while XLH is not curable, it is treatable with a combination of medication and surgical or orthopedic treatment, depending on the case; and

WHEREAS, XLH Network Inc (www.xlhnetwork.org) is a non-profit 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 2022 as

“XLH AWARENESS MONTH”

and June 23, 2022, 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 individuals with XLH and their affected families and caregivers.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this sixteenth day of May 2022.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i