



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (Alpha-1) Month

WHEREAS, Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (Alpha-1) Month is a nationwide awareness campaign held each year to educate the public as well as our medical community on Alpha-1 and detection and treatment for those affected by the disorder; and

WHEREAS, Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency Month calls attention to Alpha-1 being one of the most common serious hereditary disorders in the world and can result in life-threatening liver disease in children and adults or lung disease in adults; and

WHEREAS, Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency Month raises awareness of Alpha-1 being identified in virtually all populations; an estimated 100,000 Americans have Alpha-1 and an estimated 25 million adults in the United States carry a single deficient gene that cause Alpha-1 and may pass the gene on to their children; and

WHEREAS, Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency Month educates the public about Alpha-1 being widely under diagnosed; fewer than 10% of those predicted to have Alpha-1 have been diagnosed, often requiring several doctors and many years between the onset of symptoms and a diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency Month promotes the importance of increasing awareness about Alpha-1 and early detection of this serious hereditary and misdiagnosed disorder; and

WHEREAS, Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency Month will recognize the 50th anniversary of the discovery of Alpha-1 by Swedish researchers Carl Bertril-Laurell, MD and Sten Eriksson, MD;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and **I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI**, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i do hereby proclaim November 2013 as

"ALPHA-1 ANTITRYPSIN DEFICIENCY (ALPHA-1) MONTH"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in learning more about Alpha-1 and supporting the research and information exchange about Alpha-1.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-second day of October 2013.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i