



# *Proclamation*

## *Presented*

### **In Recognition of Lynch Syndrome Hereditary Cancer Awareness Day**

**WHEREAS, Lynch Syndrome International** recognizes that Lynch syndrome, a component of hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer (HNPCC), is a hereditary condition that causes greater risk of developing colorectal, endometrial, urinary tract, ovarian, pancreatic and other types of cancers; and

**WHEREAS, Lynch Syndrome International** stresses that geneticists estimate that approximately 4,163 persons in Hawai'i and more than 800,000 persons throughout the U.S. have Lynch syndrome, including one in every 440 persons, and studies show that only 5 percent of those with a family or personal history of colon cancer have been diagnosed with Lynch syndrome; and

**WHEREAS, Lynch Syndrome International** encourages every person to know their family history and share it with their physician to determine if their family may be at high risk for hereditary cancers, and every newly diagnosed colorectal cancer and endometrial cancer should be screened for Lynch syndrome characteristics to prompt risk assessment and further testing; and

**WHEREAS, Lynch Syndrome International** highlights that having knowledge of a Lynch syndrome diagnosis can increase cancer prevention through regular screening measures, and lead to earlier cancer detection and treatment;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor** for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 22, 2014, as

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in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in raising awareness of Lynch syndrome in Hawai'i and encouraging all residents to collect their family history information and share it with their healthcare provider in order to assess individual risk and take steps toward prevention and detection.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this eighteenth day of March, 2014.

**NEIL ABERCROMBIE**  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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