

PROCLAMATION

INTERNATIONAL GM1 GANGLIOSIDOSIS AWARENESS DAY

MAY 23, _____

WHEREAS, GM1 Gangliosidosis is a rare inherited disease that results in neurodegeneration and a progressive loss of abilities until death, leaving children, adolescents, and adults impaired with significant physical and developmental disability;

WHEREAS, GM1 Gangliosidosis is severely under-diagnosed and misdiagnosed and occurring in only 1 in every 100,000 - 200,000 live births;

WHEREAS, lack of public awareness and visibility of GM1 Gangliosidosis contributes to under-diagnosis and difficulties in accessing specialized services and proper rehabilitation and support; and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis of GM1 Gangliosidosis is important to ensure timely management of clinical complications, genetic counseling and when available treatment and therapeutic remedies; and

WHEREAS, the goal is to raise awareness and increase the accurate and timely diagnosis of this rare inherited lysosomal disorder, known as GM1 Gangliosidosis.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of _____, I do hereby proclaim May 23, _____, GM1 Gangliosidosis Awareness Day in the State of _____.