SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 21, 2013, AS HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS DAY IN HAWAII.

WHEREAS, Hydrocephalus occurs when excess fluid builds up in the brain, most often because of an obstruction preventing proper fluid drainage; and

WHEREAS, the medical community reports that about 1 out of 500 babies are born with this incurable condition; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed a resolution in 2009 designating the month of September as National Hydrocephalus Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, the State Co-Directors of the Hawaii Chapter for the Pediatric Hydrocephalus Foundation have led the effort in Hawaii to increase public awareness and information regarding Hydrocephalus in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, representatives from the national, regional, state, and local Pediatric Hydrocephalus Foundations, along with leadership of various professional, community, and medical-based organizations, are dedicated to increasing public awareness of Hydrocephalus, including the needs of families with children diagnosed with Hydrocephalus; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, that this body recognizes September 21, 2013, as Hydrocephalus Awareness Day in Hawaii to increase public awareness of Hydrocephalus and the need for support to more effectively address the effects of the disease and find cures or ways to prevent the disease; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Health, and Hawaii Chapter of the Pediatric Hydrocephalus Foundation.