



# Proclamation

Presented to

## In Recognition of the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Mealani: A Taste of the Hawaiian Range & Agriculture Festival

**WHEREAS**, the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Mealani: A Taste of the Hawaiian Range & Agriculture Festival is Hawai'i's premiere agricultural festival and is a delicious food grazing event which showcases the Big Islands grass-fed beef industry in addition to lamb, mutton, pork and goat while bringing together local ranchers, farmers, restaurateurs, chefs and consumers to celebrate the bounty of locally produced food and;

**WHEREAS**, Mealani's research station has been open since the 1960's and is part of the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) which investigates and demonstrates products for island farmers and ranchers to use and;

**WHEREAS**, Mealani's Taste of the Hawai'ian Range is an agricultural festival which originated in the Big Island ranching town of Waimea (Kamuela). It began as a humble companion event to the Mealani Forage Field Day, which featured the research being done at the Mealani Research Station. During the day, Mealani hosted an on-site Forage Field Day with tours of the forage gardens, educational seminars for ranchers and food producers, plus presentations by agriculture related speakers and;

**WHEREAS**, Mealani's Taste of the Hawai'ian Range is to support local production of agricultural products through social, cultural and scientific exchanges. It features a diverse array of talents brought together for the purpose of developing an ethos of compatibility, tranquility and sustainability with this land we co-inhabit.

**WHEREAS**, Mealani's Taste of the Hawai'ian Range and Agriculture Festival provides a venue for sustainable agricultural education, encouragement and support of locally produced products. The quality and growth of the festival is rooted in small business participation, sponsorship and in-kind donations and is truly a gathering of companies and individuals and;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 4, 2013 as**

## **18<sup>th</sup> Annual Mealani: A Taste of the Hawaiian Range & Agriculture Festival Day**

in Hawai'i to urge the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing this event and inspiring others to take an active role in improving our communities.

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

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

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