



Proclamation

Presented to

The 'Ewa Emergency Preparedness Committee

WHEREAS, the 'Ewa Emergency Preparedness Committee joins the nationwide effort in recognizing September as National Preparedness Month each year to raise public awareness about the importance of preparing for all types of disasters; and

WHEREAS, the 'Ewa Emergency Preparedness Committee encourages citizens to prepare emergency plans of actions for their homes, businesses, schools, neighborhoods and communities for natural disasters or emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the 'Ewa Emergency Preparedness Committee helps educate Hawai'i's citizens on our State's vulnerability to natural disasters such as hurricanes, floods, earthquakes and tsunamis; and

WHEREAS, the 'Ewa Emergency Preparedness Committee raises awareness about the fact that citizens of Hawai'i remain largely unprepared for disasters and other life-threatening emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the 'Ewa Emergency Preparedness Committee encourages individuals and families to recognize the advantages of preparing for emergencies and disasters ahead of time – including getting an emergency preparedness kit, making a plan and being informed – to better respond to, recover from, and lessen the physical, emotional and financial impacts of a disaster or other emergency; and

WHEREAS the 'Ewa Emergency Preparedness Committee joins the Hawai'i State Civil Defense, Department of Emergency Management, and the Hawai'i Red Cross in building public confidence in emergency preparedness and helping individuals find peace of mind in times of natural disasters;

NOW THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and **I, BRIAN SCHATZ**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby declare September 2012 as

"EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH"

in Hawai'i and urge the people of the Aloha State to join us in commending the 'Ewa Emergency Preparedness Committee for raising awareness about the importance of being prepared for natural disasters and emergencies.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this thirty-first day of August, 2012.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i