



*Proclamation*  
*Presented*

**In Recognition of Adopt-A-Mom Day**

**WHEREAS**, Adopt-A-Mom Day is an annual event conceived by the Japanese Women's Society Foundation of Hawai'i (JWSF) to recognize mothers in Hawai'i who do not have family members with them to celebrate Mother's Day; and

**WHEREAS**, Adopt-A-Mom Day is led in Hawai'i by Chairperson Lillian Yajima, who, at 91, still teaches hula to residents of Hale Pulama Mau care home at Kuakini Medical Center; she inspires other seniors to maintain an active lifestyle and organizes visits on Adopt-A-Mom Day to Kuakini's Adoptee Moms; and

**WHEREAS**, Adopt-A-Mom Day will enrich the lives of many of Hawai'i's elders and provide a positive reminder that our kupuna are an essential part of our island ohana; and

**WHEREAS**, Adopt-A-Mom Day also highlights the efforts of the Japanese Women's Society Foundation to build and maintain a care home at Kuakini Medical Center where elderly women of limited means are cared for with dignity and compassion;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor** of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 19, 2013, as

**“ADOPT-A-MOM DAY”**

in Hawai'i and urge the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the importance of honoring and cherishing our kupuna –especially our mothers – and urge the community to join the Japanese Women's Society Foundation's efforts in demonstrating appreciation and support for mothers who may not have family here in Hawai'i.

**DONE**, at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this first day of May, 2013.



NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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