



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of the 'Aiea Public Library

WHEREAS, the original 'Aiea Public Library opened in 1964, its 10,724-square foot facility designed by an associate of Frank Lloyd Wright, architect Stephen Oyakawa, whose plan featured a striking hexagonal shape and was adorned with two seascape murals by celebrated artist Tadashi Sato; and

WHEREAS, the original 'Aiea Public Library enjoyed widespread use for decades, but 'Aiea's expanding community of readers and learners began to outgrow the facility, leading to discussions in the early 1990s to plan for a larger library, with the 'Aiea-Pearl City Vision Team suggesting in 1999 the purchase of the site of the shuttered 'Aiea Sugar Mill for a new location as part of the 'Aiea Town Center Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, the Hawai'i State Legislature appropriated \$2.5 million to acquire five fee simple lots for the building of a new library, and appropriating an additional \$9 million in 2010 to plan, design and build a new 'Aiea Public Library; and

WHEREAS, the new 'Aiea Public Library will pursue LEED Gold Certification through by utilizing energy-efficient air conditioning, 6,000-square feet of photovoltaic solar panels, motion light sensors and other green innovations throughout the 17,200-square foot facility; and

WHEREAS, the new 'Aiea Public Library will offer high-speed and wireless internet access, with more than a dozen computers for public use and two self-help checkout stations, with shelving to accommodate a collection of up to 78,000 books and 8,000 media discs; and

WHEREAS, the new 'Aiea Public Library will celebrate its opening on July 19 with the participation of a host of dignitaries as well as a performance by guitarist Jeff Peterson, a blessing, and traditional untying of *maile lei*;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim July 19, 2014, as

“‘AIEA PUBLIC LIBRARY DAY”

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the achievement of all those involved in the many years of planning and construction of a new 'Aiea Public Library, as well as the entire 'Aiea community for embracing a facility reflecting its priorities, pioneering a vision of a sustainable future in Hawai'i centered around learning on the symbolic site of the old 'Aiea Sugar Mill.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this eighteenth day of July 2014.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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