



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of Alcohol Awareness Month

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Partnership to Prevent Underage Drinking — a statewide group of government, non-profit, business, youth and community representatives from Kaua'i, O'ahu, Moloka'i, Lāna'i, Maui, and Hawai'i — are working together to prevent underage drinking; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Partnership to Prevent Underage Drinking, during Alcohol Awareness Month in April 2013, will promote information about alcohol being the primary factor among the four leading factors of the high mortality rate for young people ages 10 through 21; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Partnership to Prevent Underage Drinking states that young people who begin drinking before the age of 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than those who begin drinking at the age of 21; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Partnership to Prevent Underage Drinking reminds us that alcohol-related problems cost America \$224 billion (\$746 per person) in lost productivity, absenteeism, healthcare costs, crime and family-related problems; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Partnership to Prevent Underage Drinking raises awareness about underage drinking being widespread in Hawai'i, and approximately 46,000 underage youth — grades 9 through 12 — drink each year, with 37.8% admitting to drinking at least one drink of alcohol in the last 30 days; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Partnership to Prevent Underage Drinking urges parents, adults, and leaders in our community to work together to send a consistent message to youth that drinking before the age of 21 is illegal and a public health issue; and that underage drinking parties can result in a number of problems such as alcohol poisoning, impaired driving, violence, sexual assault, unprotected sex resulting in pregnancy, property damage, combination drug use, and death;

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

"ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in working collaboratively with the Hawai'i Partnership to Prevent Underage Drinking coalition to end underage drinking and encourage young people to live healthy lifestyles.

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

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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