



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of the Inaugural 2014 Aloha World Sevens International Rugby Tournament

WHEREAS, rugby is currently played by more than five million people in more than 117 countries, while only “sevens” or seven-a-side rugby, has been added to the 2016 and 2020 Summer Olympic Games, while 15-a-side rugby has yet to be added; and

WHEREAS, the Aloha World Sevens (AWS) is the largest international sevens rugby event ever organized in Hawai‘i, and will take place June 5-7, 2014, at the 300-acre Kapi‘olani Park, Hawai‘i’s largest and most historic rugby venue; and

WHEREAS, AWS has been sanctioned by USA Rugby and the International Rugby Board (IRB), which governs the sport of rugby worldwide, and has been highlighted as part of the Abercrombie Administration’s Sports Development Initiative, supporting its efforts to grow and diversify the state’s visitor industry, showcasing the state’s unique natural beauty while introducing *keiki* and other residents to an international sport played at a high level of competition; and

WHEREAS, AWS will be preceded by a special clinic conducted by Brent Semmons, head coach of New Zealand’s four-time consecutive national Secondary School championship winner, Kelston Boys High; and

WHEREAS, AWS will introduce a special Under-10 Keiki Super Flag six-team competition highlighting players from O‘ahu, Maui and Hawai‘i Island; and

WHEREAS, AWS features elite All-Star teams from New Zealand, Australia, Tonga and throughout Hawai‘i;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai‘i, do hereby proclaim May 31-June 7, 2014, as

“ALOHA WORLD SEVENS RUGBY WEEK”

in Hawai‘i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in celebrating the Aloha World Sevens tournament for the strong competition and great athleticism it will showcase for this growing international sport, and for welcoming new visitors to enjoy the beauty of the islands.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, this fourth day of June 2014.


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai‘i


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