



Proclamation
Presented
**In Recognition of
American Diabetes Month**

WHEREAS, American Diabetes Month recognizes that community awareness of diabetes risk factors and symptoms can prevent or delay the onset of type 2 diabetes and improve the likelihood that individuals with diabetes will receive the help they need before suffering devastating complications; and

WHEREAS, American Diabetes Month serves to remind us that every 17 seconds someone in the United States is diagnosed with diabetes and nearly 26 million Americans, including more than 113,000 in Hawai'i, have diabetes, a serious disease with no cure; and

WHEREAS, American Diabetes Month warns that if present trends continue, one in three people in the United States will develop diabetes in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, American Diabetes Month further advises that the cost of diabetes in our country exceeds \$245 billion annually and that diabetes kills more people than breast cancer and AIDS combined; and

WHEREAS, American Diabetes Month provides us with the opportunity to recommit ourselves to the American Diabetes Association vision of a life free of diabetes and all its burdens, and to promote diabetes awareness in November;

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

“AMERICAN DIABETES MONTH”

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to join us in fighting this disease and its life-threatening complications such as heart disease, stroke, blindness, kidney disease, and amputation, by increasing awareness of the risk factors for diabetes, by making healthy life style choices, and by providing support to those suffering from this debilitating illness.

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

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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