



# *Proclamation*

## *Presented*

### **In Recognition of Amy Hānaiali'i Gilliom & Willie "K" Kahaiali'i**

**WHEREAS**, Amy Hānaiali'i Gilliom has melded her strong Hawaiian heritage with her acclaimed musical career as the granddaughter of Jennie Nāpua Woodd, who helped popularize hula and introduced Gilliom to legendary musician, Genoa Keawe, who helped her master the art of *ha'i*, Hawaiian female falsetto; and

**WHEREAS**, Gilliom has been recognized with numerous Nā Hōkū Hanohano awards and four Grammy nominations; and

**WHEREAS**, Willie "K" Kahaiali'i began his musical career with his siblings and father, who was a respected musician who introduced Kahaiali'i to a variety of American musical traditions before he spent years honing his talents on the continental United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Kahaiali'i returned to Hawai'i and embarked on a career as a performer and recording artist to great critical and commercial success, including Nā Hōkū Hanohano awards in many categories; and

**WHEREAS**, Gilliom and Kahaiali'i have revitalized and enriched Hawaiian music with their unique blend of influences—Gilliom's classical training combined with a fluency in rhythm and blues, pop music, and a deep rooting in the island's musical history and traditions; and Kahaiali'i's virtuosity in the instruments and styles of American blues, country, rock, and skill in European classical and Hawaiian music—which have been expressed in a series of renowned collaborations, including the Grammy-nominated "Amy & Willie Live"; and

**WHEREAS**, Gilliom and Kahaiali'i have focused their talents and energies behind the support of charitable causes, including Gilliom's numerous benefit appearances for Hale 'Opio, Kōkua for the Philippines and other organizations and events; Kahaiali'i's mission to raise awareness of kidney disease and increase early detection with the National Kidney Foundation of Hawai'i and his annual Celebrity Golf Tournament on Maui benefiting Maui Memorial Medical Center's oncology patients; and

**WHEREAS**, Gilliom and Kahaiali'i have also come together through their mutual support of justice and shared beliefs, reuniting to perform at the Nov. 13, 2013 ceremony for the signing into law of the Hawai'i Marriage Equality Act;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor** for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2014, as

## **"AMY HANAIALI'I & WILLIE K DAY"**

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the great contributions of these accomplished artists to Hawaiian music and performing arts in the islands.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this thirteenth day of October, 2014.

  
NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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