



# Proclamation

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## In Recognition of the Arc of Kona

**WHEREAS**, the Arc of Kona, a nonprofit organization founded on Hawai'i Island in 1962, is committed to providing programs for persons with developmental, orthopedic, psychiatric, and intellectual disabilities for them to achieve the fullest independence possible and participate in our society as they wish; and

**WHEREAS**, the Arc of Kona, as an accredited rehabilitation facility, provides assurance of the highest quality care, including training and expanding the basic living skills of disabled individuals as well as supporting families' advocacy for the integration of their disabled children or siblings into the mainstream of our society; and

**WHEREAS**, the Arc of Kona seeks to shift its emphasis from a sheltered workshop to a competitive employment center assisting people with all types of disability to find and retain jobs that maximize individual strengths and accommodate limitations for them to become more fulfilled and self-reliant;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE**, Governor, and **I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim November 23, 2013, as

## “ARC OF KONA DAY”

in Hawai'i, and urge the people of the Aloha State to join us in honoring the Arc of Kona's legacy of care and assistance to persons with disabilities whose individual desires, needs, abilities, and gifts hold a valued place in the cross section of society.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this nineteenth day of November, 2013.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN TSUTSUI  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i