



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of Blind Vendors Ohana, Inc.

WHEREAS, Blind Vendors Ohana, Inc. reminds us that the Randolph-Sheppard Act, passed by the United States Congress in 1936 and amended in 1974, mandates a priority giving licensed blind vendors right of first refusal to operate vending facilities on federal and, in Hawai'i, state property; and

WHEREAS, Blind Vendors Ohana, Inc. has worked in concert with the Hawai'i Association of the Blind to protect the rights of blind vendors, who have built an impressive track record as successful entrepreneurs caring for their customers and employees, in keeping with the Ohana's motto of "Yes, I can!" and values honoring customers as the top priority, and staff as the most valuable asset and resource for blind vendors; and

WHEREAS, Blind Vendors Ohana, Inc. and the Hawai'i Association of the Blind have fostered a productive relationship with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation's Ho'opono Services for the Blind to empower the blind in Hawai'i to use their significant talents achieve their greatest potential as equal citizens; and

WHEREAS, Blind Vendors Ohana, Inc. continues to serve as an exemplary organization in providing support and employment for the blind, including on-the-job training, while adapting to meet and anticipate the changing needs of residents and visitors as their customers, including many who work as public servants;

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

"BLIND VENDORS OHANA MONTH"

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the contributions of the Blind Vendors Ohana in serving as model entrepreneurs of the highest standards and continuing to work toward the advancement of the blind community.

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

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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