



# *Proclamation*

*Presented to*

## **The Blood Bank of Hawai'i**

**WHEREAS**, the Blood Bank of Hawai'i has been serving Hawai'i's people for more than 70 years and is committed to ensuring that an ample supply of healthy blood is available for medical procedures ranging from bone marrow and organ transplants to emergency and elective surgeries; and reminds us that one single blood donation can serve up to three people; and

**WHEREAS**, the Blood Bank of Hawai'i recognizes that Hawai'i's unique geographic location and diverse populations present additional challenges to collecting and storing an adequate local blood supply; and

**WHEREAS**, the Blood Bank of Hawai'i reminds us that an estimated 60 percent of the general population will need a transfusion during their lifetime while only two percent of the eligible population in Hawai'i donates blood; and

**WHEREAS**, the Blood Bank of Hawai'i joins other blood donation centers across the nation in celebrating National Blood Donor Month in January, to encourage healthy citizens to make a donation; noting that blood is traditionally in shortest supply during the winter due to the holidays and travel schedules; and

**WHEREAS**, the Blood Bank of Hawai'i is scheduling events on O'ahu, Maui, Kaua'i and Hilo and Kona in January, 2013, to recognize the top blood donors in our State;

**NOW, THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and I, Brian Schatz, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim January, 2013, as**

## **"BLOOD DONOR MONTH"**

in Hawai'i and urge the people of the Aloha State to join us in encouraging healthy citizens of the Aloha State to donate.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, Hawai'i, this twentieth day of December, 2012.

**NEIL ABERCROMBIE**  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

**BRIAN SCHATZ**  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i