



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of Body Glove

WHEREAS, Body Glove in 1953 set the standard of excellence in product design with the creation of the world's first commercially practical neoprene wetsuit, which demonstrated twin brothers Bill and Bob Meistrell's understanding of the needs and style of water enthusiasts, and allowed the worldwide expansion of diving and surfing; and

WHEREAS, Body Glove's tradition continues today with three generations of the Meistrell family demonstrating authentic innovation in creating high-quality water sports products while preserving friendships and partnerships forged over 60 years since establishing Dive n' Surf, one of the world's first family-owned marine, dive and surf shops; and

WHEREAS, Body Glove's long history of supporting true watermen and women on the elite Team Body Glove has helped a legion of global ambassadors of Body Glove promote deep-rooted values in the water sports world and work to preserve the purity of the waters they love; and

WHEREAS, Body Glove, Body Glove Cruises, and the *Kanoa* vessels offer Hawai'i residents and visitors the state's most wheelchair-accessible ocean excursions and historical cruises in Kona waters, and also contribute a portion of proceeds to the Kona Historical Society for the preservation of the culture and history of the Kona Coast;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and **I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 24, 2013, as

“BODY GLOVE DAY”

in Hawai'i, and urge the people of the Aloha State to join us in honoring the Meistrell family legacy of creating valuable water sports sponsorships and products for water lovers in Hawai'i and throughout the world.

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

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i