Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of the 20th Anniversary of the Challenger Center Hawai'i

WHEREAS, Challenger Center Hawai'i opened in April 1983 with the mission of educating and stimulating the imaginations of our children with the excitement and challenges of space exploration; and

WHEREAS, Challenger Center Hawai'i mission simulation allows young people in grades 6 through 9 to participate in space exploration and participate on a team responsible for an element of a simulated space mission like navigation, life support, or communications, working on the same kinds of tasks and problems faced by actual NASA astronauts and mission controllers; and

WHEREAS, Challenger Center Hawai'i cultivates the talents of children, as they discover their abilities in problem solving, decision-making, and teamwork in the execution of a space mission; and

WHEREAS, Challenger Center Hawai'i is marking its 20th anniversary with a mission patch design contest; the three contest winners are Holomua Elementary School 6th grade students whose designs will be displayed for all to see on the Challenger Center Hawai'i website, are being honored today:

- 1st Place – Maya Woo;
- 2nd Place – Jaden Custard;
- 3rd Place – Suzy Chung; and

WHEREAS, Challenger Center Hawai'i, the Hawai'i State Department of Education, and the Friends of Challenger Center Hawai'i work together to inspire the next generation to meet the many challenges of the future, equipped with skills, knowledge and sense of teamwork developed by simulated space exploration;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and **I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor** for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April 8, 2013, as

"CHALLENGER CENTER HAWAI'I DAY"

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing and participating in the observance of the 20th anniversary of the Challenger Center Hawai'i program and its mission.

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

Neil Abercrombie

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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