



*Proclamation*  
*Presented to*

**The Hawai'i Public Charter Schools Network**

**WHEREAS**, Charter schools are independent public schools that are held accountable for improved student achievement and strive to foster a partnership between parents, teachers and students to create an environment in which parents can be more involved, teachers can innovate and students are provided the structure and environment they need to learn; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i Public Charter Schools Network, then named the Hawai'i Association of Charter Schools, was founded in Honolulu, Hawai'i in 2000 with a mission to "enable, support, and unify charter schools in the State of Hawai'i; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i Public Charter Schools Network, stemmed from an informal group that visited the Hawai'i State Capitol urging legislators to pass the New Century Charter School law in 1999, which led to applying for non-profit status in 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i Public Charter Schools Network currently supports 34 charter schools across the islands which in turn serve approximately 10,000 students; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 5 - 11, 2013, as**

**"CHARTER SCHOOLS WEEK"**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the Hawai'i Public Charter Schools Network for its vision and tireless dedication on behalf of the children of Hawai'i.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-six day of April, 2013.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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