



*Proclamation*  
*Presented to*  
**Chuck Yim Gee**

**WHEREAS**, Chuck Yim Gee served as dean of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa School of Travel Industry Management (TIM) from 1976 through his retirement in 1999; and

**WHEREAS**, Chuck Yim Gee expanded the curriculum at the university to include a MS graduate program and a research center, which contributed to the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa gaining an outstanding international reputation among educational institutions in the United States and the Pacific-Asia region, later designated as the Asia-Pacific regional center of the World Tourism Organization for tourism training and research; and

**WHEREAS**, Chuck Yim Gee previously served as interim dean of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa College of Business Administration, and also held faculty positions at the University of Denver, Oregon State University, and the Technology and Development Institute of the East West Center; and

**WHEREAS**, Chuck Yim Gee since 1978 has served as an advisor to China's tourism industry and academe; he holds honorary professorships at various educational institutions in China, including Nankai University, Beijing University of International Studies, Shanghai Normal University, and Shunde Polytechnic University; and

**WHEREAS**, Chuck Yim Gee serves as an advisor and consultant to various institutions, small business enterprises, international hotels, and tourism organizations; he remains active in voluntary travel and non-travel related associations, including the Pacific Asia Travel Association, Academic Advisory Council of the Institute of Certified Travel Agents, Pacific Rim Foundation, Kuakini Health System Board of Trustees, Kuakini Medical Center Board, and Hong Kong-China-Hawai'i Chamber of Commerce; and

**WHEREAS**, Chuck Yim Gee was appointed to the 15-member Travel and Tourism Advisory Board of the United States Department of Commerce under Presidents Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, and George H.W. Bush; and

**WHEREAS**, Chuck Yim Gee, on behalf of President George H. W. Bush and the United States Agency for International Development, developed a national tourism plan for Ecuador, and he was appointed as a Hawai'i delegate to the first White House Conference on Travel and Tourism under President Clinton's Administration; and

**WHEREAS**, Chuck Yim Gee has received numerous awards, including the Award of Excellence for Tourism Education from the National Tourism Administration of the People's Republic of China, Pacific Asian Travel Association's Presidential Award, and State Manager of the Year in 1995; he was also named in 1999 by the *Honolulu Star-Bulletin* as one of the 100 people who made a difference for the State of Hawai'i during the 20<sup>th</sup> Century; and

**WHEREAS**, Chuck Yim Gee will be honored for his 55 years of dedicated service to higher education on his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday at a Gala Birthday Celebration and Scholarship Benefit for the University of Hawai'i School of Travel Industry Management on August 17, 2013, in The Great Assembly Hall of the Salisbury YMCA Hotel in Kowloon, Hong Kong;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor** for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim August 17, 2013, as

**“CHUCK YIM GEE DAY”**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in honoring Emeritus Dean & Regent Gee for his contributions to the hotel and tourism industry here in the Hawaiian Islands and around the world, and wishing him a very happy 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this seventh day of August 2013.



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



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