



*Proclamation*  
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**In Recognition of  
“Commitment to a Cure” 50th Anniversary  
Celebration for the Arthritis Foundation**

**WHEREAS**, the Arthritis Foundation was founded in 1948 and its Hawai'i office, which was established in 1963, is celebrating its 50th year of actively serving the people of Hawai'i; and

**WHEREAS**, the Arthritis Foundation's mission is to improve lives through leadership in the prevention, control and cure of arthritis, and related diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, the Arthritis Foundation mission is achieved through: 1) research grants to find a cure for arthritis which total more than \$400 million since 1948; 2) public Health Programs including juvenile arthritis programs, certified exercise programs, education materials, and educational seminars; and 3) advocacy at all government levels on behalf of the people with arthritis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Arthritis Foundation is committed to raising awareness and reducing the impact of arthritis, a disease which must be taken as seriously as other chronic diseases because of its devastating consequences; and

**WHEREAS**, the Arthritis Foundation is leading the way to conquer the nation's leading disability through increased education, outreach, research, advocacy and other vital programs and services;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim September 21, 2013, as**

**“COMMITMENT TO A CURE 50TH ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION FOR THE ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION DAY”**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in raising awareness of the effects of arthritis and the superb work of the Hawai'i Arthritis Foundation to defeat this debilitating disease.

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

NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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