Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of Developmental Disabilities Month

WHEREAS, Developmental Disabilities Month reminds the public that there is an estimated 22,000 people in Hawai'i with developmental disabilities, including Autism Spectrum Disorder, Cerebral Palsy, Down's Syndrome, Epilepsy, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, Fragile X Syndrome, Intellectual Disability, and Traumatic Brain Injury; and

WHEREAS, Developmental Disabilities Month reminds us that individuals with developmental disabilities are people who are friends, neighbors, co-workers, volunteers and teammates; and

WHEREAS, Developmental Disabilities Month highlights the fact that people with developmental disabilities have many skills, talents, and abilities to contribute to their communities; and we must learn to focus on the abilities of all people; and

WHEREAS, Developmental Disabilities Month encourages all citizens to support opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities; the state to include full access to education, employment, housing and recreational activities; and all individuals live as independently and productively as possible;

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

"DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES MONTH"

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State and its businesses, schools, and public and private agencies to "look beyond" disabilities and recognize the abilities of the individuals with Developmental Disabilities possess to contribute to our community and State.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fourth of March, 2013.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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