



# *Proclamation*

## *Presented*

### **In Recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

**WHEREAS**, Domestic Violence Awareness Month raises awareness that one in every four women will experience domestic violence during her lifetime, and approximately 15.5 million children are exposed to domestic violence every year; and

**WHEREAS**, Domestic Violence Awareness Month emphasizes that when a family member is abused, it can have long-term negative effects on the victim that also leave a mark on family, friends and the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Domestic Violence Awareness Month underlines that the problem of domestic violence is not confined to any group or groups of people, but crosses all economic, racial, gender, educational, religious and societal barriers, and is sustained by societal indifference; and

**WHEREAS**, Domestic Violence Awareness Month reminds us that the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security and humanity due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control and/or abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, Domestic Violence Awareness Month underscores that victims should have help to find the compassion, comfort and healing they need, and domestic abusers should be punished to the full extent of the law—and that it is important to recognize the compassion and dedication of the individuals who provide services to victims of domestic violence and work to increase public understanding of this significant problem; and

**WHEREAS**, Domestic Violence Awareness Month underlines that it is battered women themselves who have often been in the forefront of efforts to bring peace, equality, and healing to our homes and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Domestic Violence Month will be recognized by various events and activities throughout the islands, including on O'ahu and Kaunakakai, Moloka'i sponsored by the Moloka'i Community Service Council-Hale Ho'omalua Women and Children's Shelter -Moloka'i Alternative to Violence;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor** for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 2014 as

## **“DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH”**

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the work of the Moloka'i Community Service Council-Hale Hoomalu Women and Children's Shelter -Moloka'i Alternative to Violence and their efforts to prevent domestic violence and to serve those suffering in abusive relationships.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this first day of October, 2014.



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



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