



Proclamation

Presented to

In Recognition of Maya Soetoro-Ng, Ph.D.

WHEREAS, Maya Soetoro-Ng, a name peculiar to some but dazzling to many, was born on August 15, 1970, and raised in Indonesia and Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, Maya Soetoro-Ng while living in Indonesia was home-schooled and then attended Jakarta International School; like her older brother, President Barak Obama, Soetoro-Ng returned to Hawai'i and studied at Punahou College Preparatory School; she later earned an M.A. degree in secondary language studies from Barnard College, an M.A. in English from New York University, and a Ph.D. in Educational Foundations from the University of Hawaii at-Manoa; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Maya Soetoro-Ng has developed and taught a humanities curriculum in both public and private secondary schools in New York City and Honolulu, and she has worked at the East West Center promoting international exchange; Dr. Soetoro-Ng is currently an Assistant Professor at the University of Hawai'i College of Education where she teaches multicultural education, social studies methods, and peace education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Maya Soetoro-Ng is the president and founder of the non-profit Our Public School that works to build bridges between public schools and the communities that surround them; Dr. Soetoro-Ng also teaches peace education workshops using the Ceeds of Peace curriculum she developed for teachers, parents, community members and the children they nurture; she is the author of a picture book titled "Ladder to the Moon," and she is currently writing a book on Peace Education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Maya Soetoro-Ng has demonstrated through her character, personality and professional accomplishments she is a living example of the Hawaiian philosophy of aloha and is therefore the first recipient of the Inaugural Aloha Peace Prize;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim September 14, 2013, as

"Dr. Maya Soetoro-Ng Day"

in Hawai'i to urge the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing Dr. Maya Soetoro-Ng for her service and commitment to the County and State of Hawai'i, inspiring others to take an active role in improving our communities.

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


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i


SHAN TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i