



Proclamation *Presented*

In Recognition of Dr. Sun Yat-sen Family Days

WHEREAS, Dr. Sun Yat-sen was the first president and founding father of the Republic of China, and at various times was a medical doctor, a revolutionary, an exile from his home country, a visionary, and a nationalist leader instrumental in the shaping of the tumultuous history of China; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sun Yat-sen's brother, Sun Mei, brought his younger brother, 13-year-old Sun Yat-sen, to join him in Honolulu, where he studied for a total of four years, graduating from Iōlani School in 1882 learning English, British history, mathematics, science, and Christianity (he learned English so quickly that he received recognition for outstanding achievement from King David Kalākaua); he later attended Oahu College (now known as Punahou School) for a semester, before returning to China; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sun Yat-sen returned to Hawai'i on many occasions throughout his life to organize the revolutionary society Xin Zhong Hui in Hawai'i and, later, to raise major financial and moral support for the cause of a modern democratic China; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sun Yat-sen is the common link between Honolulu and its sister city Zhong Shan, as well as Hawai'i and its sister state Guangdong Province; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sun Yat-sen and Sun Mei's link to Hawai'i will be the subject of two photo exhibits and two forums: one exhibit at University of Hawai'i Maui College from June 3 to 14, with a forum on June 3 at the New Science Building; and another exhibit at the State Capitol Building in Honolulu from June 4 to 14, with a forum on June 5 at the State Capitol Auditorium; and

WHEREAS, the Dr. Sun Yat-sen Foundation, Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawai'i, East-West Center, Center for Chinese Studies, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, and UH Confucius Institute are generously sponsoring these rare photo exhibits and lectures for the public;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 3 - 5, 2013, as

"DR. SUN YAT-SEN'S FAMILY DAYS"

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to join us in taking this opportunity to view these rare and historic photos and attending the two programs of prominent lecturers.

DONE, at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twentieth day of May, 2013.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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