



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of the 130th Anniversary of the Birth of Eleanor Roosevelt

WHEREAS, Eleanor Roosevelt was born on October 11, 1884 and overcame many misfortunes in her childhood, including the death of her parents and of a brother at an early age; and

WHEREAS, Eleanor Roosevelt was the first presidential spouse to hold press conferences, write a syndicated newspaper column, and speak at a national convention; and

WHEREAS, Eleanor Roosevelt advocated for expanded roles for women in the workplace, the civil rights of African Americans and Asian Americans, and the rights of World War II refugees; and

WHEREAS, Eleanor Roosevelt resigned from the Daughters of the American Revolution in protest over their refusal to allow African American singer Marian Anderson to sing at their Washington, DC auditorium, and in further action to support civil rights invited Anderson to perform at the nationally-broadcast opening of the Lincoln Memorial; and

WHEREAS, Eleanor Roosevelt pushed for the creation of the United Nations and was appointed to its first delegation, where she served as the first chair of the UN Commission on Human Rights from 1947 to 1951, overseeing the drafting of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; and

WHEREAS, Eleanor Roosevelt worked to defend the advancements and values of the New Deal as a co-founder of the Americans for Democratic Action, an organization dedicated to advocacy for social and economic justice; and

WHEREAS, Eleanor Roosevelt served as a role model for women to be active in politics and public policy; and

WHEREAS, Eleanor Roosevelt chaired the Kennedy administration's Presidential Commission on the Status of Women;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 11, 2014, as

"ELEANOR ROOSEVELT DAY"

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in honoring the memory of Eleanor Roosevelt on the 130th anniversary of her birth to reflect on her accomplishments, while highlighting the work of those individuals and organizations who follow in her spirit, including Americans for Democratic Action Hawai'i, the Women's Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, the United Nations Association of Hawai'i, and the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women.

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


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i


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