



# *Proclamation*

## *Presented to*

### **The Hawai'i State Commission on Fatherhood and Hawai'i Coalition for Dads**

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i State Commission on Fatherhood and Hawai'i Coalition for Dads promote the message that good fathering during infancy, childhood and adolescence contributes to the development of a child's emotional security and has positive psychological and economic benefits for children, their families, and our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i State Commission on Fatherhood and Hawai'i Coalition for Dads acknowledge that children and teens of fathers who take time to be involved in regular family activities have higher self-esteem, better social skills, and fewer high-risk behaviors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i State Commission on Fatherhood and Hawai'i Coalition for Dads support fathers who are involved caregivers that play an integral role in the development of their *keiki* as they grow to become empathetic and compassionate adults; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i State Commission on Fatherhood and Hawai'i Coalition for Dads recognize President Barack Obama, a father of two daughters, who has acknowledged the important role that fathers have in the family and in our society; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i State Commission on Fatherhood and Hawai'i Coalition for Dads are sponsoring the 15<sup>th</sup> annual "Celebrate Fathers Day" event at Windward Mall shopping center on Saturday, June 15, 2013; the event will include the annual Father-Child Look-a-Like Contest and provide useful parenting information, interactive activities, and educational materials from community agencies;

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

## **"FATHERHOOD MONTH"**

in Hawai'i and encourage all members of our *ohana* to celebrate the important role of fathers in raising happy and healthy *keiki* in our state.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this seventh day of June, 2013.

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

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