



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, 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 who 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 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 16th annual "Celebrate Fathers Day" at Windward Mall shopping center on Saturday, June 14, 2014; 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 for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 2014 as

"FATHERHOOD MONTH"

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in encouraging all members of our island *'ohana* to celebrate the important role of fathers in raising happy and healthy *keiki* in our state.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-eighth day of May 2014.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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