



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of Fire Prevention Week

WHEREAS, the State Fire Council will join fire departments, firefighters and first responders nationwide in recognizing October 5-11, 2014, as Fire Prevention Week with various activities centered around this year's theme, "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives. Test Yours Every Month"; and

WHEREAS, the State Fire Council reminds the public that home fires caused 2,380 civilian deaths, 12,875 civilian injuries, and \$5.7 billion in property damages in the United States in 2012, and that nearly three out of five reported home fire deaths from 2007 to 2011 resulted from home fires with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms; and

WHEREAS, the State Fire Council emphasizes that in fires considered large enough to activate a smoke alarm, hardwired alarms operated 93 percent of the time, while battery-powered alarms operated only 79 percent of the time; and

WHEREAS, the State Fire Council highlights that nearly three in four Americans have an escape plan in case of a fire, but more than half never practice it, and that residents who have planned and practiced a fire escape plan are better prepared and increase their chances of surviving a home fire; and

WHEREAS, the State Fire Council is dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and injuries through prevention and proper education, and urge Hawai'i's residents to be proactive in seeking resources that increase their knowledge about fire safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby October 5-11, 2014, as

"FIRE PREVENTION WEEK"

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us and the State Fire Council in recognizing, remembering and practicing this year's theme, "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives. Test Yours Every Month," and staying committed to ensuring the safety and security of those living and visiting our state.

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