



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of the Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation 2014 Short Term Visit Program

WHEREAS, the **Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation** annually sponsors and conducts the **Short Term Visit Program for Descendants of Immigrants from Fukuoka Prefecture**, inviting 11-year-olds from many countries and kenjin kai in the world with parents and grandparents from Fukuoka to visit the prefecture; and

WHEREAS, this **Short Term Visit Program** strengthens the Fukuoka-Hawai'i sister-state program, consecrated in 1981, while also strengthening the Hawai'i Fukuoka Kenjin Kai by broadening its youth and family outreach; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 **Short Term Visit Program for Descendants of Immigrants from Fukuoka Prefecture** allows Hawai'i elementary school students to experience camp life, homestay, elementary school visitations, tourist attractions and business visits in order to provide an opportunity for the participants to further enrich their understanding of Fukuoka and Japan, and to cultivate future leaders who will actively engage in Fukuoka and Hawai'i sister-state exchanges; and

WHEREAS, the **Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation** has extended a generous invitation to Ken Kumagai Yamauchi of the Hawai'i Fukuoka Kenjin Kai and Jana Kiyu Lily Masunaga of the Kona Fukuoka Kenjin Kai, both young Hawai'i descendants of Fukuoka immigrants, along with chaperone Reiko Sullivan of the Hawai'i Fukuoka Kenjin Kai, a former resident of Fukuoka, to visit Fukuoka Prefecture through their **Short Term Visit Program**;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim July 7-14, 2014, as

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in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation for promoting, preserving, and strengthening the Fukuoka-Hawai'i sister-state relationship by fostering a new generation of experienced youth leaders with intercultural literacy and experience.

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

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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