



Proclamation
Presented
In Recognition of
Great American Smokeout Day

WHEREAS, the Great American Smokeout is celebrated on the third Thursday of November, when smokers across the nation are encouraged to quit for that day or longer as a step toward a healthier life; and

WHEREAS, the Great American Smokeout wants all smokers to know that each year 443,000 people in the United States die of tobacco-related illnesses and 3,000 non-smokers die of lung cancer due to second-hand smoke exposure; and

WHEREAS, the Great American Smokeout recognizes that although tobacco use remains the single largest preventable cause of disease and premature death in the United States, 43.8 million Americans still smoke cigarettes; and

WHEREAS, the Great American Smokeout health fair will be held on November 21 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the UH Manoa Campus Center in the Campus Center Ballroom and is hosted by the Chancellor for Student Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Great American Smokeout also supports the establishment of a tobacco-free campus at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, with a target implementation date of January 1, 2014, and goal of making the campus a healthier place to learn, work and live; and

WHEREAS, the Great American Smokeout fair will provide information about alternatives to smoking, the importance of reducing second-hand smoke exposure, and services and resources available on the Manoa campus and within the community, as well as interactive games and displays, free giveaways, and music by KTUH; and

WHEREAS, the Great American Smokeout theme at UH Manoa is "Doing our share for clean air," and its participants include: Hawai'i Tobacco Quitline, Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawai'i, The Queens Medical Center, Kapi'olani Women and Children's Medical Center, Kaiser Permanente, HMSA Healthways, American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, REAL, and Kokua Kalihi Valley Community Health Center;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim November 21, 2013, as

"GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT DAY"

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to join us in supporting and encouraging those smokers who are attempting to quit for a day or for those who use this day to make a plan to quit and thereby take that most important step toward a healthier life for themselves and those around them.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this first day of November 2013.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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