



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of Habilitat's 14th Annual Luau, Auction and Benefit Concert

WHEREAS, Habilitat was founded on January 27, 1971 by Vinny Marino in a Kailua home with eight residents, as a self-supporting non-profit organization committed to the idea that addicts are capable of recovery if they are willing to work toward independence and self-reliance; and

WHEREAS, Habilitat has been recognized over its 43 years of operation as a leading substance abuse program, pursuing its mission to "build better people," helping thousands overcome substance abuse and become responsible members of our community and growing to accommodate 200 residents, moving across Windward O'ahu to an oceanfront facility in Kāne'ohe; and

WHEREAS, Habilitat works to instill a new value system in its residents that guides them in making the right choices in life, and offers diverse vocational training programs to teach residents a work ethic and marketable skills so that they can be competitive in today's workforce; and

WHEREAS, Habilitat holds an annual luau to thank the community for their support and to benefit residents in need of scholarship aid, headlined in 2014 by Brother Noland, Henry Kaponu and Sistah Robi Kahakalau, so that people who suffer from substance abuse can get the help that they need;

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

"HABILITAT DAY"

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing Habilitat for its long track record of empowering those recovering from substance abuse to become proud, independent citizens who make important contributions to our communities.

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



NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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