



# Proclamation

*Presented to*

## In Recognition of Harry Kim

**WHEREAS**, Harry Kim has been an exceptional and inspirational fixture in the City of Hilo for four decades, devoting himself to helping the people of Hawai'i through his commitment and continued efforts to improve the quality of life in the community and working alongside community based organizations such as the Going Home Hawaii Consortium; and

**WHEREAS**, Harry Kim was born and raised in Kea'au, Hawai'i, attended Ola'a Elementary School, graduated from Hilo High School, studied at the University of Hawai'i at-Hilo, and continued on to Southern Oregon University where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Sociology and a Master of Science in Economics; he later served in the United States Army as a medic, became an educator, and coached football and basketball in Hawai'i Island schools; and

**WHEREAS**, Harry Kim served as the County of Hawai'i's Law Enforcement Assistance Agency Director and also became known as the "voice," of the Civil Defense broadcasting the Civil Defense warning messages while serving as head Administrator for 16 years; he was invited by various governments and international agencies to represent the United States and share Civil Defense expertise, and received the Federal Emergency Management Agencies Outstanding Public Service Award; and

**WHEREAS**, Harry Kim became Mayor of the County of Hawai'i in 2000 and served two terms until 2008; during that time Harry brought an honest and open approach to the governmental process, listening to all sides of a discussion; his exemplary public service over the years has earned him the trust and respect of the people; and

**WHEREAS**, Harry Kim's "no nonsense style" of candor, humor and compassion has provided a source of comfort and inspiration throughout his life's work; he has been and continues to be a tremendous gift to the people of Hawai'i Island;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim August 29, 2013, as**

## **"HARRY KIM DAY"**

in Hawai'i to urge the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing Hilo's own Harry Kim for his service and commitment to the County and State of Hawai'i, inspiring others to take an active role in improving our communities.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-ninth day of August 2013.

**NEIL ABERCROMBIE**  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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