



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of the Hawai'i Health Information Exchange

WHEREAS, The Hawai'i Health Information Exchange (Hawai'i HIE) has been awarded a Cooperative Agreement by the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) to develop, produce, maintain and administer a health information exchange in the State of Hawai'i for the purposes of improving patient care, reducing medical errors, eliminating duplicative testing and procedures, and cut down on unnecessary paperwork; and

WHEREAS, The Hawai'i HIE is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization governed by an independent Board of Directors made up of representatives from major healthcare stakeholder organizations and the State of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, The Hawai'i HIE was selected as the "State Designated Entity" in 2009, and that designation was re-affirmed in a Memorandum of Agreement between the Hawai'i HIE and Governor Neil Abercrombie on February 14, 2012; and

WHEREAS, The Hawai'i HIE went "live" with its direct messaging and referral system in April 2012; since then, approximately 800 providers have joined the network; and

WHEREAS, The Hawai'i HIE's core mission is to expand accessibility to health information anytime and anywhere through its Health eNet system beginning in fall 2013.; the Health eNet system is a secure electronic network that enables Hawai'i health care providers—physicians, pharmacies, labs and other medical professionals—to exchange patient information; the customized electronic platform helps improve communication between providers and enables better care coordination; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i HIE is hosting its 3rd annual Health Information Technology Summit on July 27, 2013, to further educate healthcare stakeholders in the areas of Meaningful Use, Health Information Exchange, and Clinical Quality Measurements to further improve health outcomes in patients and the efficiency of overall health care system;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Neil Abercrombie, Governor, and **I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI**, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim July 27, 2013, as

"HAWAII HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE DAY"

and encourage the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the Hawai'i HIE and all the healthcare stakeholders for their commitment to improving patient care coordination in Hawai'i.

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

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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