



Proclamation
Presented
**In Recognition of
Hawai'i Lions District 50 Day**

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Lions of District 50, celebrating its 87th year of service in the State of Hawai'i, is a dedicated group of men and women who unselfishly volunteer their time, talent, skills and donations to assist and support charitable efforts throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the 1,800 Lions of District 50 are members of 66 different local Lions Clubs throughout the islands and nearly 1.4 million members in 46,000 clubs worldwide; Lions Clubs International is the world's largest volunteer service organization and its members live the Lions' motto every day: "We Serve"; and

WHEREAS, Helen Keller visited Honolulu in 1937 and personally urged the Hawai'i Lions to fully embrace the title of "Knights of the Blind" and to help "...make things right..." for the handicapped; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Lions lobbied the Territorial Legislature in 1938 for \$35,000 to assist the Bureau of Sight Conservation, establishing meaningful jobs for the blind by operating dozens of newspaper vending stands in government buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Lions has raised millions of dollars to help establish and support the Ho'opono Rehabilitation Center for the Blind; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Lions District 50 will be celebrating its 77th State Convention from May 16 to 19, 2013; and

WHEREAS, every Governor of the Territory and State of Hawai'i since the 1920s has been an active or honorary member of a local Hawai'i Lions club;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 17, 2013, as

"HAWAI'I LIONS DISTRICT 50 DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in commending all of the members of the Hawai'i Lions Clubs for their dedication to our community.

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

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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