



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of Hawai'i Ocean Awareness Week

WHEREAS, Hawai'i Ocean Awareness Week calls attention to Hawai'i being known around the world for its exceptional beaches, beautiful ocean waters, and world-class ocean recreation opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i Ocean Awareness Week celebrates our ocean and beaches, which are used throughout the year by those who live in and visit Hawai'i, including swimmers, snorkelers, divers, paddlers, surfers, boaters, fishermen and others; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i Ocean Awareness Week reminds us that the natural beauty and ocean recreation opportunities in Hawai'i comes with hazards such as high surf, strong currents, strong winds, coastal cliffs, and potentially dangerous marine life; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i Ocean Awareness Week encourages our community to act responsibly as well as be aware of and inform our visitors about the hazards associated with Hawai'i's ocean resources, thereby allowing all ocean users to adjust our experiences based on the conditions and our abilities; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i Ocean Awareness Week encourages partnerships between county, state and federal agencies to promote ocean safety through a series of awareness programs, prevention strategies, hazard forecasts, and collaborative trainings throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i Ocean Awareness Week will be celebrated in our islands from October 21-25, 2013;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 21 to 25, 2013 as

"HAWAII OCEAN AWARENESS WEEK"

and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us having a safe and memorable experience on the beach and in our oceans, and to act responsibility in preserving and protecting our natural resources for future generations.

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

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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