



Proclamation
Presented to
Henry Kaleialoha Allen

WHEREAS, Henry Kaleialoha Allen was born in Hilo on Hawai'i Island and raised in Manoa Valley on O'ahu; he started playing the ukulele in the third grade but later found his love for the Hawaiian steel guitar and jazz guitar; in his youth he chose to attend Washington Intermediate School instead of Kamehameha Schools because of his fondness for the teachers of Washington Intermediate's music program; and

WHEREAS, Henry Kaleialoha Allen's early career included being a frequent guest on "Hawai'i Calls," an emblematic radio show that ran from 1935 through 1975; the program featured *hapa haole* songs, which continue to create images of Hawai'i as an exotic destination in the minds of visitors, particularly from the Midwest; and

WHEREAS, Henry Kaleialoha Allen received his musicians union card (Honolulu Local 677), which enabled him to perform in hotels in Waikiki; he also performed in Los Angeles with Local 67, and other cities throughout America; and

WHEREAS, Henry Kaleialoha Allen went on to perform with great musicians such as Don Ho at the Greek Theatre and George Benson at the Castle Theatre; and he worked in television and film, always promoting the spirit of Aloha and ensuring that Hawaiian words utilized in productions were correctly pronounced, including the lyrics to the "Hawaiian Wedding Song" featured in the 1961 Elvis Presley film, "Blue Hawaii"; and

WHEREAS, Henry Kaleialoha Allen in 1971 relocated from O'ahu to Maui, where he spent his time transcribing thousands of pages of music into an epic collection that he keeps in his home; he also produced two textbooks—one on the steel guitar and one on the ukulele—which are housed at the Peabody Conservatory of Music at John-Hopkins University.

WHEREAS, Henry Kaleialoha Allen has been recognized by the Hawai'i State Foundation of Culture and the Arts (as "The Master Artist" of the Hawaiian steel guitar and Hawaiian music) and the Hawai'i Academy of Recording Artist; he also has the distinction of being recognized as a "Living Legend of Hawaiian Music"; and

WHEREAS, Henry Kaleialoha Allen, along with his son, Paki Allen, was recruited by the Holland America Cruise Ships Lines to produce a Cultural Enrichment Series for all of the company's Hawai'i's sailings, as well as the South Pacific cruises which will begin soon; the series will feature lessons about the ukulele and Hawaiian steel guitar; culture and history of surfing, preservation of *Papahānaumokuākea* Marine National Monument in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands, Hawaiian cooking classes, lei-making with fresh exotic flowers, and performances with other entertainers from Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, Henry Kaleialoha Allen will celebrate his 80th birthday and the release of his new CD and book at a special celebration on June 2, 2013 at the Turtle Bay Resort;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 2, 2013, as

"HENRY KALEIALOHA ALLEN DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in wishing him a very happy 80th birthday and expressing our gratitude to Henry Kaleialoha Allen for his dedication to sharing the culture and the arts of Hawai'i with the world.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-first of May, 2013.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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