



Proclamation Presented

In Recognition of Homeownership Month

WHEREAS, homeownership strengthens families, stabilizes neighborhoods, builds communities, and promotes personal well-being; and

WHEREAS, homeownership fosters economic prosperity for families and communities, and generates economic growth; and

WHEREAS, homeownership opportunities are made possible by the following key housing partners that are actively engaged in increasing and preserving homeownership opportunities for the people of Hawai'i:

- Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation;
- Department of Hawaiian Home Lands;
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development;
- Hawai'i Association of REALTORS®;
- Land Use Research Foundation representing housing developers throughout the state;
- Financial institutions;
- Non-Profits such as the Hawai'i HomeOwnership Center, Hawaiian Community Assets, Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i, Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Hawai'i, Habitat for Humanity, and Self-Help Housing Corporation of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, homeownership initiatives such as the Hula Mae Single Family and Mortgage Credit Certificate Programs have been successfully implemented in collaboration with public, private and non-profit partners; and

WHEREAS, homeownership is increasingly becoming a possibility for all families through the development of affordable homes for first-time homebuyers, self-help housing, and homeownership and foreclosure mitigation counseling programs, which assist homebuyers in preparing for and sustaining homeownership; and

WHEREAS, homeownership is now more accessible to Hawai'i households as a result of Senate Bill 1025, signed into law today, June 21, 2013, and effective July 1, 2013, implementing updates to the Hula Mae Single Family program and making owning a home more than just a dream for many island families;

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

“HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH”

in the State of Hawai'i, and we encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in celebrating our public, private and non-profit housing partners for their contributions to providing homeownership opportunities and ensuring long-term viability of homeownership.

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

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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