



# *Proclamation*

*Presented to*

## **the Honolulu Ekiden Foundation**

**WHEREAS**, the Honolulu Ekiden Foundation was formed on January 3, 2013, as a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the advancement of peace and social welfare among people in the Pacific Rim through amateur sports and cultural activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Honolulu Ekiden Foundation is hosting the inaugural "Honolulu Ekiden & Music Festival" on May 12, 2013; the 26-mile team relay race, based on Ekiden long-distance relay races popular in Japan, is the first of its kind in Hawai'i and will start and end at Kapi'olani Park, culminating with a must-see Sunset on the Beach concert featuring prominent Japanese performers "Kimaguren," "Rip Slyme" and "Aqua Timez"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Honolulu Ekiden & Music Festival is expected to attract hundreds of runners from Japan who will join participants of all ages from Hawai'i in an effort to foster better cultural understanding between Hawai'i and Japan, promote tourism and boost our State's economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Honolulu Ekiden & Music Festival is an inspiring example of the kind of friendship and unity that can be forged by athletic competition and sportsmanship;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor** for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April 3, 2013, as

## **"HONOLULU EKIDEN FOUNDATION DAY"**

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing and celebrating the Honolulu Ekiden Foundation for its commitment to fostering a better world through sportsmanship, teamwork and friendship between the people of Hawai'i and Japan.

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

**NEIL ABERCROMBIE**  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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