



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of the 2nd Annual Honolulu Ekiden & Music Festival

WHEREAS, the Honolulu Ekiden Foundation was formed on January 3, 2013, with the mission to promote the advancement of peace and social welfare among people of the Pacific Rim, Hawai'i and Japan through amateur sports and cultural activities; and

WHEREAS, the Honolulu Ekiden Foundation holds the distinction of being the first organization to bring the Ekiden race to Hawai'i, the only marathon-length relay-style race held on O'ahu, modeled after long-distance team relay races held across Japan—this authentic Ekiden will take place on a 26.2-mile course certified by USA Track & Field, a national governing body for track and field sports in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Honolulu Ekiden Foundation reminds us that Ekiden races have historically served to promote unity through teamwork as well as personal perseverance, offering an opportunity for members of a team to work together to achieve a common goal; and

WHEREAS, the Honolulu Ekiden Foundation will begin the 2nd Annual Honolulu Ekiden & Music Festival on Sunday, June 1, 2014, to foster cultural understanding between residents of Hawai'i and Japan, promote tourism in the Aloha State, and provide an economic boost to island businesses;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 1, 2014, as

“HONOLULU EKIDEN & MUSIC FESTIVAL DAY”

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the efforts of the Honolulu Ekiden Foundation, through the Japanese Ekiden race and a diverse lineup of musical performers, to promote intercultural harmony and teamwork among Hawai'i residents and visitors.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-ninth day of May 2014.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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