



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of Hurricane Preparedness Week

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service Central Pacific Hurricane Center reminds us during hurricane season, which runs from June through November 2013, that hurricanes can have a devastating impact on islands such as strong winds, torrential rains, and storm surges, which can cause damage, injury and even loss of lives; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service Central Pacific Hurricane Center will raise awareness during Hurricane Preparedness Week — observed from May 26, 2013, to June 1, 2013 — that Hawai'i has a long history of tropical cyclones, from the Kohala Cyclone in the 1800s to all the major hurricanes to hit the islands since 1950, including Hurricane Dot (August 1959), Hurricane Iwa (November 1982), and Hurricane Iniki (September 1992); and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service Central Pacific Hurricane Center encourages the public to be prepared for tropical cyclones by taking important steps such as preparing a disaster kit, creating an individual or family disaster plan, and encouraging our family, friends and neighbors to develop an understanding of tropical cyclone hazards; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service Central Pacific Hurricane Center, in partnership with other City, County, State and Federal agencies, are working together to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the effects of tropical cyclones, including conducting the annual *Makani Pahili* statewide hurricane exercise;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 26, 2013, through June 1, 2013, as

“HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS WEEK”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in observing Hurricane Preparedness Week, and ask the public to continue cooperating with government officials to ensure that Hawai'i is “Weather-Ready” to effectively handle the risks associated with the upcoming hurricane season.

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

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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