



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of Iglesia ni Cristo's 100th Anniversary

WHEREAS, Iglesia ni Cristo was established in the Philippines in 1914, sending its first mission overseas in 1968, to Ewa Beach, with Executive Minister Eraño G. Manalo presiding over the church's first service beyond the Philippines, in a converted sugar plantation house emblematic of the journey of the first Filipinos to Hawai'i as laborers; and

WHEREAS, Iglesia ni Cristo emphasizes that its members endeavor to reflect the best of their faith's charitable virtues through a partnership with the Blood Bank of Hawai'i, holding an annual blood drive and health fair in Waipahu; and

WHEREAS, Iglesia ni Cristo underlines that its congregations provide important resources to help others succeed, including hosting a Career Assistance Fair and supplying free clothing for those without proper clothes for job interviews or the workplace, providing information on higher education opportunities and a job-search and resume-writing service; and

WHEREAS, Iglesia ni Cristo organized a worldwide walk on February 15, 2014, to benefit victims of Super Typhoon Haiyan-Yolanda, breaking Guinness World Records with 519,000 participants worldwide and proceeds funding a housing resettlement and job development project near Tacloban, including a garment factory and farming tracts for rice and other crops; and

WHEREAS, Iglesia ni Cristo will celebrate its 100th anniversary with the construction of the Philippine Arena, a venue in Bulacan seating 50,000, and the adjacent Philippine Arena, a sporting venue seating 20,000; and

WHEREAS, Iglesia ni Cristo will hold its Countdown to the Centennial Anniversary Celebration in Hawai'i at the Neal S. Blaisdell Concert Hall on April 25, 2014, with photo and history exhibits as well as musical performances;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April 25, 2014, as

"IGLESIA NI CRISTO DAY"

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the church's centennial, including 46 years in the islands of bringing together communities and organizing significant charitable work.

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


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i


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