



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of the 25th Anniversary of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i

WHEREAS, the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i was founded on May 28, 1987, with the mission to educate our diverse community about the evolving Japanese American experience in Hawai'i and to create a permanent home to perpetuate the culture and preserve the history of the Japanese in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i has maintained an archival collection of books, photographs and documents on the history of the Japanese in Hawai'i and has begun digitizing these materials to provide easier accessibility for the community; and

WHEREAS, the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i developed and maintains the historical exhibition, "Okage Sama De: I am what I am because of you," which chronicles the history and legacy of the Japanese Americans from the first immigrants to present day; and

WHEREAS, the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i has provided hands-on education of the Japanese American experience in Hawai'i to thousands of school children across the state, including sponsored learning opportunities to dozens of Title I schools on O'ahu; and

WHEREAS, the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i has produced a number of multicultural festivals, including the popular New Year's 'Ohana Festival, Kodomo no Hi: Keiki Fun Fest, and Shichi Go San: Keiki Kimono Dressing, to bring the diverse island community together in celebration; and

WHEREAS, the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i is the home to a number of cultural classes, including Shippoyahi (Japanese enameling), Kumihimo (Japanese braiding), martial arts, Shodō/Shūji (Japanese Calligraphy), and Chadō (Tea Ceremony);

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 28, 2013, as

"JAPANESE CULTURAL CENTER OF HAWAII DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in celebrating the center's 25th anniversary and recognizing five distinguished members of the community, Ronald Ushijima, Raymond and Betsy Sekiya, Jane Kurahara and Betsy Young.

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

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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