



Proclamation

Presented to

Joseph "Nappy" K. Napoleon, Jr.

WHEREAS, Joseph "Nappy" K. Napoleon, Jr., is one of Hawai'i's greatest canoe paddling legends who competed in his first Moloka'i-to-O'ahu canoe race in 1958 at the age of 17, and completed the grueling 41-mile Moloka'i Hoe; and

WHEREAS, Joseph "Nappy" K. Napoleon, Jr., since his first crossing, has been a member of six Moloka'i Hoe Championship teams; and

WHEREAS, Joseph "Nappy" K. Napoleon, Jr., founded the Anuenue Canoe Club in 1983; he established the club behind the Ilikai Hotel and remains its head coach today; and

WHEREAS, Joseph "Nappy" K. Napoleon, Jr., due to his participation in many global canoe paddling events, was honored by the Patagonia Clothing company, which named the color of its outdoor apparel line as "Nappy Green"; and

WHEREAS, Joseph "Nappy" K. Napoleon, Jr., has spent his lifetime as a role model, guiding and counseling our youth via canoe paddling; and, due to his interest in mentoring and coaching the younger generation to steer, stroke, and paddle, has earned the endearing name in the paddling community as "Uncle Nappy"; and

WHEREAS, Joseph "Nappy" K. Napoleon, Jr., will be honored with a David Malo Award at the Rotary Club of West Honolulu's 57th David Malo Award ceremony on November 8, 2013;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Neil Abercrombie, Governor, and **I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI**, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim November 8, 2013, as

"JOSEPH 'NAPPY' K. NAPOLEON, JR. DAY"

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to join us in saying *mahalo* to Uncle Nappy for his contributions to the sport of paddling, and inspiring our youth to perpetuate the culture and values of their ancestors.

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

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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