



Proclamation
Presented to
Dorothy Shiroma Hoe

WHEREAS, through Dorothy Shiroma Hoe's intimate involvement within the Okinawan community, she envisioned a venue where the vibrant and talented seniors could showcase their Okinawan culture, heritage and *Uchinanchu* spirit; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Shiroma Hoe created and organized the first KARIYUSHI song and dance performance held at the Sheraton Waikiki in May, 1988, and for 16 years, KARIYUSHI, which literally means "serenity and happiness", have been enjoyed with pride by the Okinawan community; and

WHEREAS, the KARIYUSHI events also brought together the *odori* and *karaoke senseis* and their students to help raise funds for the capital improvement projects of the Hawai'i Okinawa Center; and

WHEREAS, KARIYUSHI XVII will be held on July 4, 2013, at the Hawai'i Okinawa Center with the theme *Kansha-no-Kariyushi* or "gratitude to the seniors for sharing the Okinawan culture and performance arts with feelings of serenity and happiness"; and

WHEREAS, this year's KARIYUSHI XVII event also honors the *senseis* for their years of promoting and perpetuating the Okinawan and Japanese culture and heritage;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim July 4, 2013, as

"KARIYUSHI XVII DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in extending congratulations and best wishes to Dorothy Shiroma Hoe, the *senseis* and the Okinawan and Japanese communities as they continue to promote and perpetuate their cultural pride and heritage.

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

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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