



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of The Kona Tahiti Fete Cultural & Educational Association

WHEREAS, the Tahiti Fete was created on Kauai by Uncle Joe Kahauleilio in 1971 to bring together the Hawaiian and Tahitian cultures; and

WHEREAS, prior to his death, Uncle Joe Kahauleilio asked Carol Akau-Casil to continue the educational and cultural exchange he had begun; and

WHEREAS, the Kauai-Tahiti Fete was moved to California in 1977, but revived in 1986 on Kauai by a small committee including Carol Akau-Casil and Helene Kahaunaele; and

WHEREAS, the Kauai-Tahiti Fete was turned over to Kapu & Keala Kinimaka in the year 2000 and continues to this day; and

WHEREAS, the connections between Hawaii and Tahiti continued to grow after Carol Akau-Casil moved to Kailua-Kona in 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Kona Tahiti Fete Cultural & Educational Association, comprising Carol Akau-Casil, Claudette Mahoney, and a small committee, created a miniature Tahitian festival in 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Kona Tahiti Fete provides positive education and enrichment for youth and young adults by immersing them in the traditions and rich culture of Polynesia and giving them a sense of identity and an ethical center through dance, music, art, cuisine, traditions and lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, the Kona Tahiti Fete Cultural & Educational Association begins a new era in 2013 with a week-long event attended by over 70 residents of Tahiti, Rangiroa & the Marquesas islands,

THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 25, 2013 as

“KONA TAHITI FETE CULTURAL & EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION DAY”

in Hawai'i to encourage the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the Kona Tahiti Fete Cultural & Educational Association.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this of 2013.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i