



## *Proclamation*

*Presented*

### **In Recognition of Lights on Afterschool!**

**WHEREAS**, Lights on Afterschool! in Hawai'i is recognized on October 17, 2013, to coincide with the national celebration; the citizens of the Aloha State will stand together, firmly committed to quality afterschool programs and opportunities to provide safe, challenging and engaging learning experiences that help children to develop social, emotional, physical and academic skills; the people of Hawai'i support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive after the school day ends; and

**WHEREAS**, Lights on Afterschool! encourages the building of stronger communities by involving students, parents, business leaders, and adult volunteers in the lives of young people, thereby promoting positive relationships among youth, families, and adults; and

**WHEREAS**, Lights on Afterschool! calls attention to the State of Hawai'i providing significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education and well-being of our youth, guided by the principle that quality afterschool programs are key to helping our children become successful adults; and

**WHEREAS**, Lights on Afterschool! reminds us that more than 28 million children in the United States have parents who work outside of the home, and 15.1 million children have no place to go after school; many afterschool programs across the country are facing funding shortfalls so severe that they are being forced to close their doors and turn off the lights; and

**WHEREAS**, Lights on Afterschool! furthers the commitment of the State of Hawai'i to invest in the health and safety of all young people by providing expanded learning opportunities that will help close the achievement gap and prepare young people to compete in the global economy;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor** of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 17, 2013, as

## **“LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL! DAY”**

in Hawai'i and encourage our communities to support our *keiki* and engage in innovative Afterschool programs and activities that ensure the lights stay on and the doors stay open for all children after school.

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

**NEIL ABERCROMBIE**  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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