



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of the Mānoa-Otemon Friendship Exchange Week

WHEREAS, Mānoa Elementary School in the State of Hawai'i, United States of America, and Otemon Gakuin Elementary School, Prefecture of Osaka, Japan in order to promote international learning, cultural awareness and goodwill among the students, parents, and faculty of both schools formed a sister-school relationship in 1989; and

WHEREAS, in alternate school years, students from Mānoa Elementary School travel to Osaka to be welcomed as guests into the homes and join activities of the students of Otemon Gakuin Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, this year, the students from Otemon Gakuin Elementary School will travel to Hawai'i to be welcomed as guests at the school and as guests in the homes of the students of Mānoa; and

WHEREAS, the administrators, teachers, students and parents who participate in the exchange program volunteer countless hours preparing for the cultural exchange, attending extra classes, and learning about cultural protocols; and

WHEREAS, during this exchange program, students will experience overseas travel, discover new foods and friends, participate in cultural arts and music, and experience the aloha of Hawai'i's people;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 22, to March 28, 2013, as

“MĀNOA-OTEMON FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE WEEK”

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the administrators, teachers, students, and parents of Mānoa Elementary School and Otemon Gakuin Elementary School for their contributions in promoting world citizenship, cultural exchange, and goodwill among our children and future leaders.

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

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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