



Proclamation

- In Memoriam -

Former State Senator Mary-Jane McMurdo

WHEREAS, Mary-Jane McMurdo was born in Boston, Massachusetts and spent a majority of her life supporting the Army career of her late husband, Colonel Strathmore K. McMurdo and raising their four children; they first came to Hawai'i from 1957 to 1960, then moved here permanently in 1969; and

WHEREAS, Mary-Jane McMurdo served as chair of the McCully-Mō'ili'ili Neighborhood Board in 1982, then became one of a handful of women in the Hawai'i State Legislature by serving as a State Senator from 1984 to 1994 and a State House of Representative from 1994 to 1996; and

WHEREAS, Mary-Jane McMurdo is credited with many accomplishments such as leading an initiative in 1984 to save moderate-income housing in the Date-La'au area; acted as a leader in the Save the Sandy Beach Initiative that stopped development of the East O'ahu coastline in 1988; worked to preserve Fort DeRussy as open space, championed efforts to restore and protect the Waikiki Natatorium; and authored the first ozone preservation law in the United States to outlaw the use of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs); and

WHEREAS, Mary-Jane McMurdo championed women's rights including mandated insurance coverage for mammograms and granting women the right to sign a contract without first obtaining a husband's written approval; and

WHEREAS, Mary-Jane McMurdo is survived by daughter, Dahlis Day; sons, Keith and Michael; grandchildren, Karen, Michael, Kirsten and Connor; nephews, Rick Marshall, Mike Marshall, and Bernie Booth; daughters-in-law, Kerrienne and Theresia;

NOW THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and **I, BRIAN SCHATZ**, Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai'i, extend our deepest sympathies and condolences to the McMurdo 'ohana on the passing of a mother, grandmother, and aunt; and as a mark of respect for the memory of Mary-Jane McMurdo, hereby order, by the authority vested in us by the Constitution and laws of the State of Hawai'i, that the National Flag and Hawai'i State Flag be flown at half-staff at all State offices and agencies as well as the Hawai'i National Guard from sunrise on September 1, 2012 to sunset on September 1, 2012.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-ninth day of August, 2012.



NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i