



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of the Honorable Michael A. Town

WHEREAS, the Honorable Michael A. Town was appointed as a judge in the State of Hawai'i in 1979, initially presiding as a District Family Court Judge and going on to serve as Senior Judge of the Family Court of the First Circuit from 1994-1997; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Michael A. Town demonstrated a commitment to applying therapeutic and restorative justice throughout his tenure, going beyond a narrowly punitive application of the law and working toward rulings and results which would repair harm and meet the needs of both victims and offenders, an approach he helped illuminate through the Hawai'i State Judiciary's Restorative Justice Committee and the Committee on Jury Innovations; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Michael A. Town retired in 2010 after more than 31 years of service on the bench, and has continued to further the principles of restorative justice as a mediator and arbitrator, working through the firm Dispute Prevention & Resolution, Inc. as a "Distinguished Neutral," assisting residential substance-abuse treatment program Habilitat with their successful Therapeutic Community Model, serving as Commissioner of the Hawai'i Paroling Authority and lecturing as a professor in 2011 for the non-traditional students in the University of Hawai'i's William S. Richardson School of Law Ulu Lehua Scholars Program; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Michael A. Town has remained a positive and energetic advocate in the community, serving as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Boys & Girls Club of Hawai'i and generously offering his time to a number of community organizations, including as an instructor for ocean-based empowerment and conservation organization Nā Kama Kai;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 18, 2014, as

"MICHAEL A. TOWN DAY"

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing his legacy of promoting fairness and equality in Hawai'i's justice system during his tenure as a judge and beyond, working to foster the Aloha Spirit throughout the islands with an ethic of therapeutic and restorative justice.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this seventeenth day of October, 2014.


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i


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