



*Proclamation*  
*Presented*  
**In Recognition of  
National Reunification Month**

**WHEREAS**, National Reunification Month is celebrated each year in June to recognize parents who have lost and regained custody of their children; and

**WHEREAS**, National Reunification Month highlights the accomplishments of families who have reunited safely and successfully, and recognizes the important role that community partners have in providing a comprehensive network of services that support reunification, including mental health and substance abuse services, court system support services, and resource family support; and

**WHEREAS**, National Reunification Month calls attention to reunification being the preferred outcome for children removed from their homes and placed in foster care; and

**WHEREAS**, National Reunification Month highlights the State of Hawai'i's belief that a "team effort" involving family members, child welfare services providers, Family Court, community providers, and resource caregivers is essential to successful reunification; and

**WHEREAS**, National Reunification Month will be celebrated on June 20, 2014 at the Ronald T.Y. Moon Kapolei Courthouse;

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

**"NATIONAL REUNIFICATION MONTH"**

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the contributions of those working to support children and families, and the efforts of families themselves to work towards and accomplish reunification.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this eighteenth day of June, 2014.

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

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