



Proclamation

Presented to

In Recognition of Native American Heritage Month

WHEREAS, Native Americans and indigenous peoples have significantly influenced the history and culture of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans, since the birth of this nation, have been recognized for their adept skills and knowledge: their contributions have enhanced the freedom, prosperity, and greatness of America today, and their customs and traditions are respected and celebrated as part of a rich legacy; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans stand among some of the most distinguished authors, scientists, and political leaders: through their accomplishments, they have profoundly strengthened the legacy we will leave our children; and

WHEREAS, Native American Awareness Week began in 1976, and recognition was expanded by Congress and approved by President George H.W. Bush in 1990, designating the month of November as "National American Indian Heritage Month"; it has since been celebrated under variants of the name such as Native American Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, Native American Heritage Month aims to provide a platform for Native American people to share their culture, traditions, music, crafts, dance, and ways and concepts of life, as well as celebrate and recognize the accomplishments of this country's original inhabitants, explorers and settlers: this gives native people the opportunity to express to their community, as well as city, county and state officials their concerns and solutions for building bridges of understanding and friendship in their local area;

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

"Native American Heritage Month"

in Hawai'i to urge the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing Native American Indians throughout Hawai'i, inspiring others to take an active role in improving our communities.

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


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i


SHAN TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i