Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of Older Americans Month

WHEREAS, Older Americans Month is celebrated by the Executive Office on Aging and the Aging Network each year; in 2013 the theme, **"Unleash the Power of Aging,"** reminds young and old alike that staying productive and active contributes to their health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, Older Americans Month honors the contributions of Hawai'i's 277,000 *kupuna* age 60 and older; and

WHEREAS, Older Americans Month recognizes that older adults are active members of our community, and are involved in volunteering, mentorship, arts and culture, and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, Older Americans Month encourages our citizens to explore opportunities to enrich the lives of *kupuna* by:

- Emphasizing the value and leadership of *kupuna* in family and community affairs;
- Creating opportunities for older Americans to interact with people of different generations to share their life experiences, wisdom and skills;
- Providing services, technologies and support systems that allow older adults to participate in social activities in the community; and

WHEREAS, Older Americans Month will be celebrated in May, 2013, with events and activities throughout the City and County of Honolulu, County of Kaua'i, County of Maui, and County of Hawai'i in recognition of Hawai'i's *kupuna* for sharing their knowledge, wisdom and understanding of our history through meaningful social interactions with children, youth and adults of all ages; and

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

"OLDER AMERICANS MONTH"

in Hawai'i and urge the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in paying tribute to our *kupuna* for their role in shaping the course of our values and principles, and for serving as positive role models for our younger generations.

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

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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