



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of Oncology Nurses Month

WHEREAS, Oncology Nurses Month raises awareness that oncology nurses provide an invaluable service to the community by maintaining and improving the health and quality of life of cancer patients and their families, as well as providing quality care in patient treatments, teaching, research, administration and education; and

WHEREAS, Oncology Nurses Month highlights that these dedicated professionals continue to update their training, study new treatments, technologies, changes in managed care and evolving reimbursement policies in order to better serve their patients; and

WHEREAS, Oncology Nurses Month underlines that the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS), Hawai'i (O'ahu) Chapter, founded in 1975, is part of a national specialty organization of more than 37,000 registered nurses and other healthcare professionals dedicated to excellence in patient care, research, administration, and education in the field of oncology; and

WHEREAS, Oncology Nurses Month recognizes that more than 230 local chapters provide a network that supports the nursing workforce, access to care, prevention and early detection of cancer, reinforcing the ONS mission to promote excellence in oncology nursing and quality nursing care; and

WHEREAS, Oncology Nurses Month emphasizes that each year the ONS designates May as Oncology Nursing Month in recognition and honor of oncology nurses, to showcase their significant accomplishments and increasing public awareness of the importance of their service; this year's theme, "Oncology Nurses: First in Hope, First in Care," honors nurses for the important role they play for patients and loved ones by caring, teaching and listening; and

WHEREAS, Oncology Nurses Month underscores that each year ONS honors oncology nurses for their commitment and dedication in the care of patients and families, and their important contributions in support of quality care and excellence in the field of oncology;

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

"ONCOLOGY NURSES MONTH"

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in honoring these dedicated professionals who work in the demanding field of Oncology, and we commend them for making a difference in thousands of lives by providing quality care and excellence to patients and their families.

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


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i


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