



Proclamation *Presented*

In Recognition of School Psychology Week in Hawai'i

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Association of School Psychologists reminds us that all children and youth learn best when they are healthy and receive an education that meets their individual needs, including mental health; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Association of School Psychologists raises awareness that learning and development are directly linked to the mental health of children and that a supportive learning environment is an optimal place to promote such health; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Association of School Psychologists advises that sound psychological principles are critical to proper instruction, learning, social and emotional development, and provides support for a culturally diverse student population; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Association of School Psychologists recommends school psychologists be trained to deliver mental health services and academic support that lowers barriers to learning and facilitates collaboration that helps parents and educators identify and reduce risk factors, promote protective factors, create safe schools, and utilize community resources; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Association of School Psychologists educates the public on the need for school psychologists who are trained to assess learning difficulties, utilize data-based decision making, implement proven prevention and intervention strategies, evaluate outcomes, and improve accountability; and

WHEREAS, The Hawai'i Association of School Psychologists acknowledges the vital role school psychologists play in the personal and academic development Hawai'i's children;

NOW, THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2012, through November 18, 2012, as

"STATE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY WEEK"

in the State of Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to join us in honoring and recognizing the contributions of school psychologists to the success of students in the State of Hawai'i and their role in our schools and communities in helping students develop into successful and productive members of society.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, Hawai'i, this ninth day of November, 2012.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i