



# *Proclamation*

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### **In Recognition of Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (Alpha-1) Month**

**WHEREAS**, the Alpha-1 Association is the leading national patient membership organization dedicated to identifying those affected by Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (Alpha-1), and has served the Alpha-1 patient community since 1991; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alpha-1 Association is dedicated to improving the leadership and resources that will result in increased research, improved health, worldwide detection and cure for Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency, and improving the lives of the estimated 100,000 children and adults affected by Alpha-1 in the United States, including those living in Hawai'i; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alpha-1 Association reminds us that Alpha-1 is one of the most serious hereditary disorders in the world, and can result in life-threatening liver disease in children and adults; it is the most commonly known genetic risk factor for Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) or lung disease in adults; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alpha-1 Association programs include a National Support Network with 78 Support Groups and Patient Hotline, Annual National Education Conference, Education Day meetings, Genetic Counseling Service, Advocacy Program, and comprehensive website; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alpha-1 Association will conduct a nationwide campaign in the month of November, with various awareness activities through the nation — including Hawai'i — to educate both the public and the medical community about Alpha-1, and promote the early detection and treatment of the disease;

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

### **"ALPHA-1 ANTITRYPSIN DEFICIENCY (ALPHA-1) MONTH"**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in learning more about Alpha-1 and supporting the research and information exchange to find new therapies and a cure for Alpha-1.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-fifth day of October, 2012.

  
NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

  
BRIAN SCHATZ  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i