Proclamation

Presented to

The Hawai'i Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Coalition

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Coalition was formed in 2007 to provide services and improve treatment for adults in Hawai'i diagnosed with COPD, including emphysema, chronic bronchitis, and its related disorders; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i COPD Coalition consists of a wide segment of Hawai'i's public and private sector including 16 major partners and funders, 54 organizational partners and collaborators, and 69 individual partners and collaborators throughout our state; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i COPD Coalition educates the public about the 30,000+ adults in Hawai'i diagnosed with COPD, and the $55 million in hospital costs that are generated because of COPD, and provided 1,300 individuals lung test in 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i COPD Coalition supports the "Learn More, Breathe Better," National COPD Awareness Campaign and "Drive4COPD" to increase awareness about COPD, strengthen prevention efforts and improve the diagnosis and treatment of COPD; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i COPD Coalition reminds us that COPD has become the third leading cause of mortality in the United States, with over 12 million Americans already diagnosed, and an additional 12 million still remain undiagnosed, and COPD is also the second leading cause of disability; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i COPD Coalition encourages the public to learn more about their lung health, get screened for COPD, and learn more about smoking cessation because smoking is the primary risk factor for COPD; other risk factors include environmental and exposure to air pollution, second hand smoke and genetics; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i COPD Coalition joins health care service provides throughout the United States and the world in the recognizing November 14, 2012, as "Worldwide COPD Day,"

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

"NATIONAL COPD MONTH"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to utilize the available support and resources to learn more about the prevention, intervention and treatment of COPD, including getting tested for the disease:

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

Neil Abercrombie

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Brian Schatz

BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i