



# *Proclamation* *Presented to* **Gail Tiwanak**

**WHEREAS**, Gail Tiwanak came to Hawai'i from California over thirty years ago to begin a distinguished career in health care; and

**WHEREAS**, Gail Tiwanak began her career locally at the Queen's Medical Center in the Medical Care Unit; with responsibilities including administrative positions in cardiology, information systems technology, practice standardization, and master planning; and

**WHEREAS**, Gail Tiwanak served as Vice President of the Queen's Medical Center responsible for marketing, organizational planning, and communications; after holding the position for several years, she eventually moved into the private sector as a consultant on electronic medical records for health care organizations across our State; and

**WHEREAS**, Gail Tiwanak joined the University of Hawai'i School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene as Director of Operations and managed a multi-million dollar budget, school facilities, and personnel to ensure adequate resources for the delivery of the highest quality nursing education to 600 undergraduate and graduate nursing students; and

**WHEREAS**, Gail Tiwanak served as the Executive Director for the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing and is credited with establishing the Center as the voice of nursing within the community; she is acknowledged nationwide for strengthening recruitment and retention within the School, improving quality of care and patient outcomes, designing a system to ensure adequate clinical training sites for nurses, establishing both preceptor and graduate nurse residency programs, training nurses to assume leadership roles, helping to further the State's understanding of the many complex issues surrounding workforce supply and demand in the nursing profession, and forming a Regional Action Council to implement recommendations tailored to our State's unique needs as articulated in the Institute of Medicine's Report on the Future of Nursing; and

**WHEREAS**, Gail Tiwanak, upon her recent retirement, leaves the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing with a sustained stream of revenue, and numerous programs designed to ensure an adequate number of highly competent, quality driven and committed professional nurses to care for the people of Hawai'i;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 8, 2012, as**

## **"GAIL TIWANAK DAY"**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to recognize Mrs. Gail Tiwanak for her years of dedicated service to our community and profession and congratulate her on her retirement from the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing.

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

  
NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

  
BRIAN SCHATZ  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i