



# *Proclamation* *Presented* **In Recognition of Clarence T.C. Ching Day**

**WHEREAS**, Clarence T.C. Ching was born on June 2, 1912, in Anahola, Kaua'i, as the fifth of 11 children to parents, Ching Hook and Kam Sing, both Chinese immigrants; and

**WHEREAS**, Clarence T.C. Ching developed a strong work ethic on his family farm that was purchased by his father, a plantation worker in Kaua'i's rice paddies, who saved enough money to purchase the land for a rice mill; and

**WHEREAS**, Clarence T.C. Ching was invited by the Marianist brothers to attend Saint Louis School; the Marianist teachings shaped his life forever, embodied by their creed: "Faith, Hope and Charity – the greatest of these is Charity"; and

**WHEREAS**, Clarence T.C. Ching, while in school, was twice-elected class president, became a boxing champion and graduated from Saint Louis School in 1932; and

**WHEREAS**, Clarence T.C. Ching purchased the Moanalua *ahuapua'a* in the 1950s; along with his business partner, he developed the Airport Industrial Park, Triper, Fort Shafter, Salt Lake, Moanalua Valley and Red Hill subdivisions; co-founded Hawaii National Bank in 1960; and developed Kukui Gardens to offer affordable rental housing; and

**WHEREAS**, Clarence T.C. Ching developed his own foundation in 1967, The Clarence T.C. Ching Foundation, which has become one of Hawai'i's largest charitable foundations and maintained its mission to benefit all of Hawai'i, help the needy and support the education of future generations through its four goals to:

- Assist in the care of the needy, the destitute, the sick and the aged;
- Provide scholarship aid and assistance;
- Provide financial grants to qualified persons, associations and institutions for research and study;
- Assist hospitals and other public charitable or educational institutions; and

**WHEREAS**, Clarence T.C. Ching has left behind a lasting legacy; in recognition of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth, Clarence's life of achievement, inspiration and humility will be celebrated; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lt. Governor** of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 2, 2012, as

## **"CLARENCE T.C. CHING DAY"**

in the State of Hawai'i, and encourage citizens to pay tribute to Mr. Clarence T.C. Ching on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth, and recognize the outstanding work he achieved to strengthen our community through philanthropy.

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

**NEIL ABERCROMBIE**  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

**BRIAN SCHATZ**  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i