



# *Proclamation*

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## **In Recognition of Older Americans Month**

**WHEREAS**, Older Americans Month honors our *kupuna* and celebrates the contributions of Hawai'i's 277,000+ citizens aged 60 and older; and

**WHEREAS**, Older Americans Month is recognized by the Executive Office on Aging and the Aging Network in their commitment to helping all individuals maintain their health and independence in later life; and

**WHEREAS**, Older Americans Month acknowledges the contributions of Hawai'i's *kupuna* in sharing knowledge, wisdom and understanding of the history of our community through meaningful social interactions with children, youth and adults of all ages; and

**WHEREAS**, Older Americans Month encourages our citizens and community to explore opportunities to enrich the lives of others by emphasizing the value of including elders in public and family life; creating opportunities for older Americans to interact with people of different generations; and providing services, technologies and support systems that allow older adults to participate in social activities in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Older Americans Month will be celebrated in 2012 with the theme "*Never Too Old to Play!*" which reminds us that our seniors continue to make a significant difference in society through volunteerism, advocacy and involvement in community organizations;

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

### **"OLDER AMERICANS MONTH"**

in Hawai'i, and urge the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in paying tribute to our *kupuna* for their role in shaping the course of history and for serving as positive role models for our younger generations.

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

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

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