



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of Pacific Islander Heritage Day

WHEREAS, Pacific Islander Heritage Day honors the traditions of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, Palau, Samoa, Hawai'i, and other Pacific Regions; and

WHEREAS, Pacific Islander Heritage Day is generously sponsored by the United States National Park Service, Hawai'i Pacific Parks Association, Micronesians United-Big Island, University of Hawai'i at Hilo Pacific Islander Student Center, and the Royal Order of Kamehameha Kohala Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Pacific Islander Heritage Day is dedicated to educating the community to combat stereotypes of Pacific Islanders; and

WHEREAS, Pacific Islander Heritage Day, for the first time, celebrates a multitude of Pacific Island cultures in addition to Hawaiian culture,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and **I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI**, Lieutenant Governor of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim May 17, 2013, as

“PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE DAY”

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing Pacific Islander Heritage Day for enhancing the knowledge of Pacific peoples, their histories, and languages.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fourteenth day of May, 2013.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i