



Proclamation

Presented to

Polynesian Cultural Center

WHEREAS, Polynesian Cultural Center is located in the small town of Lā'ie, on the northeast end of O'ahu; established on October 12, 1963, the center is considered one of the world's most successful cultural theme attractions; and

WHEREAS, Polynesian Cultural Center has provided financial assistance to over 15,000 Brigham Young University-Hawai'i students from more than 70 different countries, and provided them with the financial opportunity to achieve their educational objectives while working as friendly guides, performers, and service employees on the Polynesian Cultural Center campus; and

WHEREAS, Polynesian Cultural Center is a valued cultural resource for Hawai'i, annually hosting numerous cultural events and festivals to perpetuate its ongoing educational practices and celebrate the indigenous cultures of Polynesia, including Aotearoa (New Zealand), Fiji, Hawai'i, Samoa, Tahiti, and Tonga; and

WHEREAS, Polynesian Cultural Center has significantly contributed to Hawai'i's visitor industry and economy by providing culturally appropriate, family-friendly education and entertainment including activities and games that test visitors skills, courage, and sense of adventure; and

WHEREAS, Polynesian Cultural Center celebrated its 50th anniversary on October 14, 2013;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 14, 2013, as

"POLYNESIAN CULTURAL CENTER DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the Polynesian Cultural Center for maintaining this valuable cultural resource that has preserved and perpetuated the culture and the arts of Polynesia for 37 million visitors and *kama'āina* for half a century.

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

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i