Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of the
2012 Folkmoot USA International Folk Festival

WHEREAS, Folkmoot USA International Folk Festival is a two-week celebration of music and dance held this year from July 20 to 29 in Waynesville, North Carolina; the festival features dancers and musicians in colorful traditional costumes from around the world, including New Zealand, France, Belgium, Indonesia, Peru, Philippines, Serbia, Puerto Rico, Ukraine and Hawai`i; and

WHEREAS, Folkmoot USA International Folk Festival invites cultural practitioners worldwide to travel to North Carolina for entertainment, cultural exchange and education; their intent being the sharing of traditions and rituals with the broadest audiences to ensure these traditions are not lost to the passage of time; and

WHEREAS, the Beamer Solomon Halau O Po`ohala – a traditional Hawaiian hula school from Waimea, Island of Hawai'i, under the direction of fifth generation Loea (dance master) and Kumu Hula Hulali Solomon Covington – were selected to represent the United States of America at this year's festival; and

WHEREAS, State Senator Malama Solomon has been invited to act as the official representative of the State of Hawai`i extending the love and aloha of our beautiful State to all those in attendance at Folkmoot USA International Folk Festival;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and **I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor** of the State of Hawai`i, do hereby proclaim July 20, 2012, as

"FOLKMOOT, USA INTERNATIONAL FOLK FESTIVAL DAY"

in Hawai`i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the accomplishments of Beamer Solomon Halau O Po`ohala and the Board of Directors of the Folkmoot, USA, wholeheartedly supporting this world cultural heritage festival in Waynesville, North Carolina.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai`i, this sixteenth day of July, 2012.

Neil Abercrombie

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai`i

Brian Schatz

BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai`i