Proclamation

Presented to

Robert and Roland Cazimero

WHEREAS, Robert and Roland Cazimero (The Brothers Cazimero) are consummate performers who have made their indelible imprint on the face of contemporary Hawaiian music; their talent, longevity and sales success over the past 30 years have placed them in a league of their own among musicians in Hawai'i; The Brothers Cazimero and Hālau Nā Kamalei O Līlīlehua have performed Hawaiian song and *hula* to the delight of local, national and international audiences, from the Waikiki Shell to Carnegie Hall and beyond; and

WHEREAS, The Brothers Cazimero are masters of their craft; their instrumental skills on the acoustic bass and twelve-string guitar blend with their stylish vocals to produce a sound that is now part of the fabric of Hawaiian history; their contribution to Hawaiian music continues to demonstrate to visitors and *kama'āina* how important these components are to the past, present and future of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, The Brothers Cazimero, as influential persons of Hawaiian ancestry, follow in the footsteps of David Malo, who was born in Keahou, Kona, Hawai'i around 1793; Malo later moved to Lahaina, Maui; at the age of 38 he was one of the first to enter the organized Mission High School at Lahainaluna, where he received formal education to augment the teachings he had received from missionaries, at the courts of royals, and from his *kupuna*; in Lahaina, he became acquainted with the Reverend William Richards, with whom he helped develop religion, education and government in the Kingdom of Hawai'i; David Malo rewrote *The History of Hawai'i*, called *Ka Mo'olelo Hawai'i*, which later became his *Hawaiian Antiquities*, setting forth the ancient history, religion and customs of the Hawaiian people; and

WHEREAS, The Brothers Cazimero embody the personal qualities of David Malo, whose accomplishments and life exemplify the ideal of high achievement and community service for the betterment of the world around us; in the words of the Reverend William H. Kaina, "in nearly every civilization, there are persons born with unusual insights and intelligence. Such a person is David Malo. Malo used his knowledge and opportunities toward perpetuating ancient Hawai'i and Hawaiian practices so that he came to be universally regarded as the great authority and repository of Hawaiiana;" The Brothers Cazimero continue to share the history and traditions of Hawaiiana with an ever-expanding contemporary audience of visitors and *kama'āina* alike; and

WHEREAS, The Brothers Cazimero are the 56th annual recipients of the **David Malo Award**, established by the Rotary Club of West Honolulu in 1957 to recognize individuals of Hawaiian ancestry who achieve significant accomplishments in such fields as art, dance, education, science, community service, government, religion, business or sport; the components of the past play an enormous role in all aspects of The Brothers Cazimero performances; their presentation of the chants, dances and songs of their ancestors serve to honor those musicians, composers, teachers and elders who paved the way for what they are able to accomplish in Hawaiian music today;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and **I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor** of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim November 8, 2012, as

"THE BROTHERS CAZIMERO DAY"

in Hawai'i and congratulate Robert and Roland for their total dedication to perpetuating and preserving Hawaiian music and culture. The Aloha State is richer for their inspired contributions. *Ho'omaika'i!*

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this seventh day of November, 2012.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i