Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of Sri Lanka Day

WHEREAS, the Honorable Consul of Sri Lanka is Kusuma Cooray, Dean of the Consular Corps of Hawai'i, who has lived and worked in the Hawaiian Islands for over 35 years and worked for the University of Hawai'i for 26 years; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Consul of Sri Lanka has initiated many projects between Hawai'i's hotel industry and the Hotel School in Sri Lanka through the University of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Consul of Sri Lanka's most outstanding project was the "Island Nation: Island State," which was funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and its great success will serve as a model for future collaborations and funding sources for similar projects; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Consul of Sri Lanka is being recognized for creating valuable opportunities for International exchanges, such as between the Ceylon Hotel School & School of Tourism, Kapi'olani Community College and Hawai'i's hospitality industry, and promoting friendship and collaboration between Sri Lanka and the Aloha State; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Consul of Sri Lanka will celebrate the 65th Anniversary of Sri Lanka Independence Day on February 2, 2013, at which honorary guests will include Consul General of Sri Lanka in Los Angeles Dr. Hector Weerasinghe and other members of the Sri Lankan community, Consular Corps of Hawai'i, University of Hawai'i and East-West Center;

NOW THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and **I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor** for the State of Hawai'i do hereby proclaim February 4, 2013, as

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in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in congratulating the Honorable Consul of Sri Lanka on the 65th Anniversary Independence Celebration and express our gratitude for its contributions to building a bridge of friendship between nations.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-ninth day of January, 2013.

Neil Abercrombie

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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