



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of Christian Heritage Week in Hawai'i

WHEREAS, Christian Heritage Week in Hawai'i is a seven-day long period February 17 -23, 2013, set aside by the Hawai'i Association of Evangelicals for activities and events to educate the public about the Christian history of the State of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, Christian Heritage Week in Hawai'i reminds us that the motto of the State of Hawai'i is "uamau ke ea o ka 'aina I ka pono," "the life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness," which was first uttered by Queen Keōpūolani as she was baptized a Christian before her death in 1825 and again reiterated by King Kamehameha III, Kauikeaouli, as he gave thanks to God at Kawaiha'o Church for the return of his kingdom in 1843; and

WHEREAS, Christian Heritage Week in Hawai'i remembers the legacy of Henry 'Ōpūkaha'i'a, Hawai'i's first Christian, whose zeal for Christ and love for the Hawaiian people inspired the first American Board mission in Hawai'i in 1820; and in 1993, 175 years after his death in Connecticut, the remains of Henry 'Ōpūkaha'i'a were returned to Hawai'i and reinterred at Kahikolu Church in Napo'opo'o, Kona, Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, Christian Heritage Week in Hawai'i reminds us that the Preamble of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i states, "We, the people of Hawai'i, Grateful for Divine Guidance..." and for many citizens, the Christian faith continues to be a guiding force;

THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim February 17 - 23, 2013, as

"CHRISTIAN HERITAGE WEEK IN HAWAII'I"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us recognizing and participating in its observance.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this eleventh of February, 2013.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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