



*Proclamation*  
*Presented*

**In Recognition of the Pu'uhonua O Hōnaunau  
Cultural Festival**

**WHEREAS**, the Pu'uhonua O Hōnaunau Cultural Festival celebrates the 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the establishment of Pu'uhonua O Hōnaunau National Historical Park, home to significant traditional Hawaiian sites which reflect over four hundred years of Hawaiian history; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pu'uhonua O Hōnaunau Cultural Festival allows visitors to freely enjoy the historic and culturally unique 420-acre park that extends through three *ahupua'a* and served as a sanctuary in ancient times for defeated warriors, noncombatants, and those who violated the *kapu* (sacred laws), and today remains a most sacred place to those who set foot upon its grounds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pu'uhonua O Hōnaunau Cultural Festival offers dozens of indigenous craft demonstrations throughout the two-day festival, and gives guests the opportunity to create nose flutes, coconut leaf hats, lei, *lauhala* bracelets, hula gourds, and other traditional items; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pu'uhonua O Hōnaunau Cultural Festival engages park visitors of all ages to explore the ancient Hawaiian way of life in one of the primary religious and political centers within the traditional district of Kona,

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE**, Governor, and **I, SHAN TSUTSUI**, Lieutenant Governor of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim June 28, 2013, as

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CULTURAL FESTIVAL DAY”**

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the Pu'uhonua O Hōnaunau Cultural Festival for enhancing understanding of Kānaka Maoli, the original people of these islands, and their traditional customs, beliefs, and practices.

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

NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN TSUTSUI  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i