



# *Proclamation*

## *In Memoriam*

# Raymond W. Sweeney, Jr.

**WHEREAS, Raymond W. Sweeney, Jr.** was born on September 26, 1938, in San Francisco, California, to Bernardine and Raymond W. Sweeney as the first of six children and raised in Burlingame, California; and

**WHEREAS, Raymond W. Sweeney, Jr.** enrolled in the Radio & TV Broadcast Department of San Francisco State and began his 30-year career in broadcasting at KSMA in Santa Maria on May 31, 1960; and

**WHEREAS, Raymond W. Sweeney, Jr.** developed an expertise in sales through work at San Francisco radio stations KHIP, KNBR, and KFRC before moving to Hawai'i in 1964 to head the sales department at KHAI Radio in the Royal Hawaiian Hotel; and

**WHEREAS, Raymond W. Sweeney, Jr.** contributed to the success of a host of local broadcast networks and stations in many capacities in management, sales and as on-air talent, including: K-POI, KUMU, KGU, KHVH, KUAM Guam, WVUV American Samoa, and KHON-TV where he served as Sports Director; and

**WHEREAS, Raymond W. Sweeney, Jr.** engaged his hard work, experience, positive relationships, and affinity for the Aloha Spirit in starting his own marketing and public relations business, Sweeney Communications, in 1991, enjoying twenty successful years and a distinguished list of clients before retiring in 2011; and

**WHEREAS, Raymond W. Sweeney, Jr.** devoted much of his life to community organizations including Director of the Board for Big Brothers Big Sisters Hawai'i, President of the Board of Directors for the Exchange Club of Downtown Honolulu, Director of University of Hawai'i Football booster organization Na Koa, charter member of the Honolulu Club, a 40-year member of the Kāne'ohe Yacht Club, member of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, and Chairman of the Kāne'ohe Neighborhood Board, where he passionately supported causes including the preservation of the Kawainui-Hāmākua Marsh; and

**WHEREAS, Raymond W. Sweeney, Jr.** proudly identified with his Irish heritage, co-hosting with close friend Jerry Sweeney a "Sweeney Party" held annually on March 16 for 25 years for those sharing the Sweeney name, traditionally reuniting the following day to march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Kalākaua Avenue;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor** for the State of Hawai'i, express our deepest sympathies to Raymond's wife, Adrienne; daughters, Erin, Ryan Mae, and Cary; son, Raymond; grandchildren, Karl Raymond Johnson, Maiya Pestel, and Wallace Miner; and the rest of his family and friends, and urge the people of Hawai'i to remember Raymond's warmth, spirit, and contributions to our state.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this thirteenth day of March 2014.

  
NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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