



Proclamation
Presented
In Recognition of
2013 Resource Family Appreciation Day

WHEREAS, National Foster Care Month calls attention to the more than 1,200 Hawai'i children in foster care and the urgent need for foster families or foster caregivers, volunteers and mentors, especially for foster families who are able to provide care for large sibling groups and older youth, as well as individuals to provide support to foster care givers, the children in foster care and their families; and

WHEREAS, National Foster Care Month highlights the important role of foster care and gives special recognition to the tremendous contribution of caregiving foster families to the children in their care; and

WHEREAS, National Foster Care Month recognizes the dedicated efforts of foster caregivers, former foster youth, relatives, child protective workers, courts, agencies, organizations, churches, and schools, whose efforts have resulted in a significant decrease in the number of children in Hawai'i in foster care; and

WHEREAS, National Foster Care Month provides the State of Hawai'i Department of Human Services the opportunity to reiterate its continuing mission to maintain permanency by keeping children at home with the families safely and maintaining safe and appropriate birth family connections, as well as through reunification and relative placement; and

WHEREAS, National Foster Care Month acknowledges that all children who cannot safely remain with their families deserve stable, loving care from nurturing adults;

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

“RESOURCE FAMILY APPRECIATION DAY”

and encourage the people of the Aloha State to recognizing the importance of resource families in Hawai'i.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this nineteenth day of April, 2013.

Neil Abercrombie

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Shan S. Tsutsui

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