



# *Proclamation*

## *Presented*

### **In Recognition of National Suicide Prevention Week**

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i State Department of Health joins communities throughout the United States in recognizing National Suicide Prevention Week to raise awareness about the risk factors related to suicide and promote suicide prevention services available to the residents of Hawai'i; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i State Department of Health understands that suicide is the 11th leading cause of death in the United States and the 3rd leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 15 to 24; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i State Department of Health recognizes that the stigma associated with mental illness and suicidality works against suicide prevention by discouraging persons at risk for suicide from seeking life-saving help and further traumatizes survivors of suicide; and that statewide suicide prevention efforts should continue to be developed and encouraged to the maximum extent possible

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i State Department of Health acknowledges that National Suicide Prevention Week is timed with and will complement World Suicide Prevention Day on September 10, 2013;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim September 8<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013, as**

## **"SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK IN HAWAI'I"**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in supporting National Suicide Prevention Week and its goals in raising awareness about the risk factors related to suicide and promoting suicide prevention services to our local communities.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this second day of September 2013.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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