



Proclamation

Presented to

The Hawai'i Food Manufacturers Association

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Food Manufacturers Association (HFMA) raises awareness that food manufacturing in Hawai'i is the largest manufacturing sector in the state, generating more than \$900 million annually in revenue and supporting thousands of families statewide; and

WHEREAS, HFMA was established in 1977 as a non-profit organization and is currently the only active state food manufacturing association in the United States; and

WHEREAS, HFMA serves local food manufacturing companies as a conduit for resources, tools and expertise to benefit existing and start-up manufacturing companies; and

WHEREAS, HFMA works to stimulate innovation and the global competitiveness of its members through education, and to expand Hawai'i's manufacturing infrastructure and capacity; and

WHEREAS, HFMA works to increase public awareness of the food manufacturing industry, with emphasis on the people, companies and products that tell the story of the diversity, integrity, quality and uniqueness that makes the foods of Hawai'i special; and

WHEREAS, HFMA will host the first annual TASTE Awards on June 14, 2014, in collaboration with the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture, to recognize the achievements of exceptional individuals and companies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 8-14, 2014, as

"TASTE AWARDS WEEK"

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing local food manufacturers for contributing to a growing sector of the state's economy with a rich variety of traditional and innovative products enjoyed in the islands and beyond.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this third day of June 2014.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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