



Proclamation *Presented*

In Recognition of the Annual Queen Lili'uokalani Race

WHEREAS, the Annual Queen Lili'uokalani Race celebrates the Queen's birthday, September 2, 1838, and began in 1972 as a way to train for the grueling Na Wahine O Ke Kai and the Moloka'i Hoe long distance canoe races from the island of Moloka'i to the island of O'ahu; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Queen Lili'uokalani Race has grown to include more than 2,500 paddlers from around the world who compete in iron long distance, team double hull, and single-person canoe races over three days culminating with the Ali'i Challenge sea and land race; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Queen Lili'uokalani Race acknowledges the culturally significant and personally challenging sport of paddling, which fosters sportsmanship and teamwork while reminding all participants of the storied past of ancient voyagers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim August 31, 2013, as

"THE ANNUAL QUEEN LILI'UOKALANI RACE DAY"

in Hawai'i and urge the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the canoe teams who are here to honor the last monarch and only Queen Regent of the Kingdom of Hawai'i.

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

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i