



# *Proclamation*

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### **In Recognition of Women's History Month Performance of the Prison Monologues**

**WHEREAS**, the Prison Monologues is a dramatic presentation sponsored by the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women that will be performed at the State Capitol Auditorium on March 25, 2013, in honor of the courageous women depicted in its stories and to commemorate Women's History Month 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, The Prison Monologues is a product of The Prison Writing Project, developed under the leadership of Warden Mark Kawika Patterson at the Women's Community Correctional Center, which is taking a community building approach to affect change within a Trauma-Informed Care framework; and

**WHEREAS**, The Prison Monologues is an example of the writing resulting from Prison Writing Project classes; the program has been active for 10 years, published eight books of prison writing, and is part of a comprehensive program addressing the needs of trauma survivors; and

**WHEREAS**, The Prison Monologues has become a vehicle for learning, resolving traumatic history, and creating a believable future for women after years of criminal behavior, drug use and incarceration; and

**WHEREAS**, The Prison Monologues has been hailed by local media as a "must see" for O'ahu's youth, and each story carries a message of hope reminding audience members that they are still free, they are not alone, and prison is not a home; and

**WHEREAS**, The Prison Monologues is taken from "Hulihia" ("to transform" in Hawaiian), an annual journal of prison writings that highlights women's insights into their failures and abilities through poetry, essays and short stories; and

**WHEREAS**, The Prison Dialogues and the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women commemorate Women's History Month by recognizing and celebrating the success of women to overcome the difficulties of their own personal history to determine for themselves their future;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor** for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 25, 2013, as

## **"THE PRISON MONOLOGUES DAY"**

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing and celebrating this special day in Women's History Month 2013.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fifteenth of March, 2013.

**NEIL ABERCROMBIE**  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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