



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of The Society of Thoracic Surgeons

WHEREAS, The Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS) was established in 1964 and is an international not-for-profit organization representing 6,600 cardiothoracic surgeons, researchers, and other health care professionals who are part of the cardiothoracic surgery team; and

WHEREAS, The Society of Thoracic Surgeons reminds us that a cardiothoracic surgeon is a physician who performs operations on the heart, lungs, esophagus, and other organs in the chest; and

WHEREAS, The Society of Thoracic Surgeons' mission is to enhance the ability of cardiothoracic surgeons to provide the highest quality patient care through education, research, and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, The Society of Thoracic Surgeons offers continuing medical education; leads initiatives for quality improvement and patient safety via the STS National Database; produces an esteemed Journal, *The Annals of Thoracic Surgery*; supports cardiothoracic surgery research initiatives; and among other activities, advocates on behalf of patients; and

WHEREAS, The Society of Thoracic Surgeons will observe the 50th anniversary of the STS at an event on October 31, 2013;

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

"THE SOCIETY OF THORACIC SURGEONS DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing The Society of Thoracic Surgeons, and the important contributions made by cardiothoracic surgeons and other health care professionals who are part of the cardiothoracic surgery team.

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


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i


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