



Proclamation

Presented

To Waiāhole Elementary School

WHEREAS, the Waiāhole Elementary School was a dream of 37 parents of children attending the English School of Reverend Mathias Limberg, a priest at a Catholic Church in He'eia who wanted the State Board of Education to establish and subsidize an English Day School in the Ko'olaupoko area on O'ahu, Hawai'i; on October 13, 1877 they sent a letter to the State Board of Education requesting a school; and

WHEREAS, the Waiāhole Elementary School was given consideration by the State Board of Education and it was resolved that: 1) the Inspector General be authorize to arrange the establishment of an English Day School at a central point in the district; 2) that a salary of \$450.00 per year be given to a teacher for the school; and 3) that a tuition fee of \$5.00 per year be charged for each student; and

WHEREAS, the Waiāhole Elementary School, was chosen as the designated site of the new school after much consideration or other locations in the Ko'olaupoko area; Reverend Limberg was asked by the State Board of Education to consider accepting the appointment as school's first principal but he declined Board's offer; and

WHEREAS, the Waiāhole Elementary School was a subject of a letter written by J.M. McCabe on February 26, 1883 on behalf of the parents living in the Waiāhole-Ko'olaupoko; Mr. McCabe and the community advocated for the building of the school which they said Lane, Commissioner of the Ko'olaupoko area, had promised the families; and

WHEREAS, the Waiāhole Elementary School construction was delayed because of the late arrival of the building materials, which was finally brought by ship from Honolulu to Waiāhole Harbor, and transported from the harbor to the appointed school site by J.W.P. Kamealoha, with the help of three workers, and two pair of oxen; the total load of building materials filled 39½ wagons; and

WHEREAS, the Waiāhole Elementary School was finally completed on May 8, 1883, and 2013 marks the school's 130 year Anniversary which will be celebrated on September 28, 2013;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim September 28, 2013, as

“WAIĀHOLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DAY”

and encourage citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing Waiāhole Elementary School and the founders, administrators, faculty, staff, students, parents and dedicated members of the Waiāhole Elementary School-Ko'olaupoko community who have contributed to the its rich history.

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

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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