



# *Proclamation*

## *Presented*

### **In Recognition of World TB Day**

**WHEREAS, World Tuberculosis (TB) Day** is observed in recognition of the discovery of the bacterium *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* by Dr. Robert Koch on March 24, 1882; and

**WHEREAS, World TB Day** World TB Day is an annual event established by the Stop TB Partnership to honor Dr. Koch's discovery and to educate the public about the "Global Plan to Stop TB, 2006-2015"; the Hawai'i Department of Health is joining with the Stop TB Partnership this year with a theme of "Reach the Three Million: A TB Test, Treatment and Cure for All" as a reminder that progress in controlling TB will only be sustainable if local, state, national, and international partners from all sectors of society join resources and collaborate together; and

**WHEREAS, World TB Day** World TB Day raises awareness of the global impact of tuberculosis, and although great strides have been made to control this disease in the United States, according to the World Health Organization more than one-third of the world's population remains infected; and

**WHEREAS, World TB Day** encourages citizens in Hawai'i to take steps to eradicate TB and notes that Hawai'i continues to have the second-highest rate of TB in the United States with 115 cases diagnosed in 2014; and

**WHEREAS, World TB Day** educates people about the Hawai'i TB Control Program; and

**WHEREAS, World TB Day** acknowledges the continued efforts to improve TB tests and treatments so that the disease can be diagnosed and cured in shorter periods of time;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor** for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 24, 2014, as

### **"WORLD TB DAY"**

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to be aware of the signs and symptoms of TB and join the state- and nation-wide effort to eradicate TB.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twentieth day of March, 2014.

  
NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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