



Proclamation

Presented to

The Navy League of the United States-Honolulu Council

WHEREAS, the Navy League of the United States-Honolulu Council supports and promotes the United States Merchant Marine and the Merchant Marine Act of 1920, section 27 (better known as the Jones Act) as part of our Nation's and State's sea services program; and

WHEREAS, the Navy League of the United States-Honolulu Council reminds us that our Merchant Mariners have served with distinction in every conflict in our Nation's history, as well as in major global humanitarian relief efforts; and that our Merchant Marine continue their proud tradition through a unique partnership of government, industry, and labor to maintain the smooth flow of international commerce utilizing our Nation's vital maritime services and support of the Jones Act; and

WHEREAS, the Navy League of the United States-Honolulu Council recognizes that Hawai'i's development, economic prosperity and sustainability continue to be anchored in the sea; and that throughout our history, Hawai'i's economic prosperity has been closely tied to its maritime geography in the Pacific; and

WHEREAS, the Navy League of the United States-Honolulu Council reminds us that in 1933, the Congress of the United States proclaimed May 22nd as National Maritime Day; a time honored tradition that recognizes the United States Merchant Marine and its seafarers, and reflects on the gratitude that Americans have for the maritime industry and the economic and social benefits it provides our Nation and State; and

WHEREAS, the Navy League of the United States-Honolulu Council will observe Maritime Day and will honor the United States Merchant Marine and its mariners at the 4th Annual Merchant Mariner of the Year Awards luncheon at the Ala Moana Hotel on May 22, 2012;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 22, 2012, as

"MARITIME DAY"

in Hawai'i and urge the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the significant contributions made by the women and men of the United States Merchant Marine in supporting our National security and enhancing our National and local economy.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i this first day of May, 2012.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i