



Proclamation *Presented*

In Recognition of Samoan Heritage Week

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i is greatly enriched by the ethnic and cultural diversity of its people; and that the success earned by those who have migrated to our beautiful State is cherished by all and serves as a testament to the graciousness and *aloha* inherent in our local culture; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i's Samoan community has made significant contributions to the strength and progress of our State; and that members of Hawai'i's Samoan community have served prominently in leadership positions in government, business, entertainment, the Armed Forces, sports, law enforcement, academia, and the arts; thus, helping to advance and improve the quality of life for all of the people of our State; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i's Samoan community, whose members began to migrate to the United States from Samoa more than 60 years ago, has become a rich part of the cultural tapestry our island State while preserving the community's history and traditions; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i's Samoan community has succeeded in steadfastly adhering to their cultural values of respect and cooperation while negotiating a balance with the demands and dictates of their living environment to effectively cope and thrive;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim August 5, 2012 through August 11, 2012, as

"SAMOAN HERITAGE WEEK"

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to recognize the many contributions that Hawai'i's Samoan community has made to our State.

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

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i