



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of Hon-Chew Hee

WHEREAS, Hon-Chew Hee was an American muralist, watercolorist and printmaker who was born in 1906 in Kahului, Maui,; after receiving his training at the San Francisco Art Institute in 1920, Hon-Chew Hee taught in China and later moved in 1935 to Hawai'i, where he worked as a freelance artist and held classes in both Western and Eastern styles of painting; Hon-Chew died in 1993 surrounded by his friends and family; and

WHEREAS, Hon-Chew Hee also attended the New York Art Students League and Columbia University; in 1949 he studied in Paris under the tutelage of Andre L'hote and Fernand Leger; and

WHEREAS, Hon-Chew Hee published several books on art and is a recipient of numerous accolades, including the "Oscar D'Italia 1985" for "being recognized as the most significant contemporary artist in the world," "Artist of the Year" by the Hawai'i State Legislature, and being named a "Living Treasure" by the Hawai'i Watercolor Society; and

WHEREAS, the legacy of Hon-Chew Hee lives on through the Hawai'i State Art Museum's unveiling of "King Kamehameha I: Uniting the Hawaiian Island Kingdom," an enamel and steel mural created in 1976 by the artist that portrays the beauty and majesty of Hawai'i's rich history;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim August 18, 2012, as

"HON-CHEW HEE DAY"

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to honor the work of an exception, internationally recognized artist whose work has inspired millions.

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

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i