



# Proclamation

## Presented

### In Recognition of the 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Constitution of the United States of America

**WHEREAS**, the **Constitution of the United States of America** was signed on September 17, 1787 at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS**, the **Constitution of the United States of America** is fundamentally predicated on governance by the people; our citizen's understanding of the Constitution and its framework is essential to our country's future; and

**WHEREAS**, the **Constitution of the United States of America** will mark its 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on September 17, 2012; the Anniversary will be celebrated nationwide, most notably by the National Constitution Center, America's first and only nonpartisan, nonprofit institution devoted to the Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, the 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the signing of the **Constitution of the United States of America** is an extraordinary opportunity for all Americans to ponder the remarkable achievements of our Founding Fathers and celebrate the ability to exercise the rights defined within the Constitution of the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the signing of the **Constitution of the United States of America** and of Americans who strive to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of citizenship, the United States Congress, by Joint Resolution on February 29, 1952 (36 U.S.C 106 as amended), designated September 17 as "Constitution and Citizenship Day"; and, in August of 1956, the United States Congress, by Joint Resolution, requested that the President proclaim the week beginning September 17 and ending September 23 of each year as "Constitution Week";

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor** of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **September 17, 2012, through September 23, 2012, as**

## **"CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WEEK"**

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing and appreciating the importance of this enduring document of our Nation; reaffirm our commitment to the rights and responsibilities of citizenship; and celebrate the signing of the Constitution of the United States of America by our Found Fathers 225 years ago.

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



**NEIL ABERCROMBIE**  
Governor, State of Hawai'i



**BRIAN SCHATZ**  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i