



Proclamation

Presented to OutServe Hawai'i

WHEREAS, "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" (DADT) was the official United States policy on homosexuals serving in the military from December 21, 1993, to September 20, 2011; the policy prohibited military personnel from discriminating against or harassing "closeted" homosexual or bisexual service members or applicants, while barring openly gay, lesbian or bisexual persons from military service; and

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama on September 20, 2011, officially and formally signed the repeal of DADT thus ensuring that patriotic Americans in uniform will no longer have to lie about who they are in order to serve the country they love, and that the U.S. Armed Forces will no longer lose the extraordinary skills and combat experience of gay and lesbian service members; and

WHEREAS, OutServe Hawai'i will join its national organization, OutServe, in celebrating the first anniversary of the repeal of DADT and open service for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) active duty service members of the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard; and

WHEREAS, OutServe Hawai'i and its parent, OutServe, have provided support for LGBT service members in presenting their concerns while still carrying out their responsibilities with professionalism and competence despite the discriminatory policy of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell";

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

"DON'T ASK DON'T TELL REPEAL DAY"

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the accomplishments and contributions of LGBT men and women in the U.S. Armed Services for their sacrifice and service in times of war and peace.

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

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i