



*Proclamation*  
*Presented*

**In Recognition of Hero Dog Day**

**WHEREAS**, the American Humane Association is dedicated to “creating a more humane and compassionate world by ending abuse and neglect of children and small animals”; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Humane Association and the Hawaiian Humane Society recognizes that first responders have been well-served by search and rescue dogs, law enforcement and arson detection dogs, and military dogs who risk their lives to save human lives by detecting bombs and other explosives with loyalty and respect; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Humane Association and the Hawaiian Humane Society also recognizes that Service dogs trained to help the blind, hearing impaired, disabled, or people needing alerts have worked tirelessly and obediently to support their owners; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Humane Association and the Hawaiian Humane Society reminds us that pet dog, though untrained, have performed extraordinary acts of heroism including providing service and comfort to those suffering with various types of Cancer or Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder;

**THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor** of the State of Hawai‘i, do hereby proclaim **October 6, 2012**, as

**“HERO DOG DAY”**

in Hawai‘i and urge people of the Aloha State to join us in supporting the work of the American Humane Association.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, this twenty-fourth day of September, 2012.

  
NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawai‘i

  
BRIAN SCHATZ  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai‘i