



Proclamation
Presented

In Recognition of Hula Grill Waikiki
“I Ola Mau Ka Hula” Award Winners
◆ Leilani and Puanani Alama ◆

WHEREAS, the Hula Grill Waikiki created “I Ola Mau Ka Hula” (In Order to Perpetuate the Hula) with the single mission to recognize individuals who have perpetuated Hawaiian hula throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, the Hula Grill Waikiki will recognize Leilani and Puanani Alama, ages 87 and 82, respectively, the oldest active Kumu Hula alive today, as “I Ola Mau Ka Hula” Award recipients on Saturday, October 6, 2012, in recognition of their individual careers as accomplished solo hula dancers, performers and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, the Hula Grill Waikiki reminds us that Leilani Alama has held the prestigious position of Aloha Week Queen, and continues to teach five days a week at her Kaimukī studio, a place at which she has taught classes since 1943; and

WHEREAS, the Hula Grill Waikiki heralds Puanani Alama reputation as the “Lovely Hula Hands” girl; she graced an album cover by the same name in the 1950s; Puanani is also known as the last living judge from the first Merrie Monarch Hula Festival, which will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in 2013;

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

“LEILANI AND PUANANI ALAMA DAY”

in Hawai‘i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us and the Hula Grill Waikiki in recognizing the two sisters for their contributions to the culture and history of *Hawai‘i Nei*.

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

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai‘i

BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai‘i