



# *Proclamation*

## *Presented*

### In Recognition of White Cane Safety Awareness Day

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i State Department of Human Services, Ho'opono Services for the Blind recognizes White Cane Safety Awareness Day to raise awareness about the "white cane" and its importance to persons who are visually-impaired or blind; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i State Department of Human Services, Ho'opono Services for the Blind understands the white cane is a tool of safety, independence and empowerment for persons who are visually-impaired or blind; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i State Department of Human Services, Ho'opono Services for the Blind acknowledges that each state has "white cane" laws requiring motorists to yield the right of way to the visually impaired or blind; the "white cane" law has promoted courtesy and special consideration to the visually-impaired or blind when traveling between destinations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i State Department of Human Services, Ho'opono Services for the Blind will be holding its annual White Cane Safety Awareness Day Walk on October 12, 2012 through downtown Honolulu;

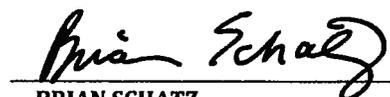
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 12, 2012, as**

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in Hawai'i and urge people of the Aloha State to support the Hawai'i State Department of Human Services, Ho'opono Services for the Blind and its efforts to increase awareness about the "white cane" and its importance..

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

  
NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

  
BRIAN SCHATZ  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i