



# *Proclamation* *Presented*

## **In Recognition of National Breast Reconstruction Awareness**

**WHEREAS**, National Breast Reconstruction Awareness Day alerts women to the fact that since 1998, health plans that offer breast cancer coverage have been required to provide coverage for breast reconstruction and prostheses; and

**WHEREAS**, National Breast Reconstruction Awareness Day serves to highlight that only 33% of eligible women with breast cancer undergo breast reconstruction; and published research shows that nearly 70% of women are not informed of their care options; and

**WHEREAS**, National Breast Reconstruction Awareness Day organizers tell us that recent studies determined that the two significant reasons why women did not undergo breast reconstruction were that they were not informed of their options and they were not referred to a plastic surgeon for breast reconstruction; and

**WHEREAS**, National Breast Reconstruction Awareness Day is an initiative designed to promote education, awareness and access regarding post-mastectomy breast reconstruction;

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

### **"NATIONAL BREAST RECONSTRUCTION AWARENESS DAY"**

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing and participating in its observance.

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

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

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