



Proclamation

Presented to

Lynne Yoshiko Nakasone

WHEREAS, Lynne Yoshiko Nakasone trained under Kin Ryosho Sensei, a descendant of the Shuri aristocracy and court musicians from 1939 through 1955; and

WHEREAS, Lynne Yoshiko Nakasone was selected as one of the "Best 10" dance artists in an all Okinawa competition sponsored by the Okinawan Times Newspaper Company in Okinawa, Japan, on March 10, 1955; and

WHEREAS, Lynne Yoshiko Nakasone received the Shihan title (Senior Instructor Teaching Certificate) in from Iemoto, Master Kin Ryosho Sensei in 1961; and

WHEREAS, Lynne Yoshiko Nakasone became a United States citizen on March, 16, 1961; and

WHEREAS, Lynne Yoshiko Nakasone received the Culture Award from the Minzoku Isho Bunka Fukyu Kyokai by its Honorary President, Imperial Princess Yuriko Mikasanomiya, on October 26, 1984; and

WHEREAS, Lynne Yoshiko Nakasone was the first person outside of Okinawa to be presented with the Certificate of Meritorious Achievement from the Prefectural Government of Okinawa by The Honorable Junji Nishime, Governor of Okinawa, on November 29, 1986; and

WHEREAS, Lynne Yoshiko Nakasone was appointed to the Individual Artist Fellowship by the Hawai'i State Foundation on the Culture and the Arts on February 18, 1999; and

WHEREAS, Lynne Yoshiko Nakasone was selected as a "Living Treasure of Hawai'i" by the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawai'i on February 8, 2002; and

WHEREAS, Lynne Yoshiko Nakasone will be recognized by the National Endowment of the Arts (NEA) Heritage Fellowship – the highest form of federal recognition of folk and traditional artists – at the NEA National Heritage Fellowships Award Ceremony in Washington, D.C. on October 3, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Lynne Yoshiko Nakasone will celebrate 73 years of her brilliant performing career with her Hooqe Ryu Hana Nuuzi no Kai Nakasone Dance Academy students at the 56th Anniversary Recital, "Ryujin ni Mau," Dance to the Dragon God, on October 20, 2012;

NOW, THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 20, 2012, as

"LYNNE YOSHIKO NAKASONE DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in congratulating Nakasone *Sensei* for her perpetuation of the Okinawan Dance Performing Arts, and expressing our appreciation for her 73 years of dedication to encouraging others to express their cultural diversity through artistic expression.

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



NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i