



# *Proclamation*

## *Presented to*

### **The Hawai'i Society for Respiratory Care**

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i Society for Respiratory Care (HSRC), a chartered affiliate of the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC), is a "volunteer-based, non-profit, professional organization committed to the support of the Respiratory Care Practitioner and to the pulmonary health of the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific Islands"; respiratory care is an "allied health specialty which provides a wide range of therapeutic and diagnostic services to patients with heart and lung disorders"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i Society for Respiratory Care is comprised primarily of respiratory therapists, allied health practitioners who are trained at the two- and four-year college level to assist physicians in the care of patients with lung disorders and other conditions; these professionals work in critical care facilities, rehabilitation hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home care; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i Society for Respiratory Care supports the careers of respiratory care professionals, who have become crucial to the health of our society; respiratory therapists provide such valuable services as emergency airway management, critical care, delivering medications to improve acute and chronic lung conditions, educating the public about lung health and the effects of smoking; these professionals also work with patients who have breathing disorders associated with sleep, and provide oxygen treatment under pressure to improve chronic wound healing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i Society for Respiratory Care seeks to advance the science, technology, ethics and art of respiratory care through meetings, lectures, and the preparation and distribution of a newsletter and other materials; the HSRC serves as an advocate for patients, families, and the public by promoting professional excellence in the respiratory care community;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 21 - 27, 2012, as**

## **"RESPIRATORY CARE WEEK"**

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the efforts of respiratory care professionals.

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

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

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