



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of Epilepsy Awareness Month in Hawai'i

WHEREAS, Epilepsy Awareness Month in Hawai'i is recognized to coincide with the National Epilepsy Awareness Month, held nationwide in November each year; and

WHEREAS, Epilepsy Awareness Month in Hawai'i calls attention to epilepsy being a disorder of the brain defined as having two or more seizures; epilepsy affects people of all ages, races, and countries; it is not a contagious disease, and about 50 million people worldwide have epilepsy; and

WHEREAS, Epilepsy Awareness Month in Hawai'i reminds us that the Epilepsy Foundation of Hawai'i is a private, non-profit agency, which for 30 years has provided direct services to people with seizure disorders, offered information and educational services for individuals and groups, and enabled persons with epilepsy to participate fully in the community-at-large; and

WHEREAS, Epilepsy Awareness Month in Hawai'i provides an opportunity for the Epilepsy Foundation of Hawai'i to raise awareness about the estimated 15,000 residents in our state who suffer from epilepsy, and the 75,000 Hawai'i residents who are touched by epilepsy through family members or friends; and

WHEREAS, Epilepsy Awareness Month in Hawai'i will be acknowledge at a free conference held on Saturday, November 9, 2013, at the Queen's Conference Center at The Queen's Medical Center; the theme of the conference is "Living Well with Epilepsy";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and **I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI**, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i do hereby proclaim November 2013 as

"EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the Epilepsy Foundation of Hawai'i for its 30 years of outstanding service to our communities, and for providing individuals with epilepsy the resources and support they need to manage their disorder and improve their quality of life.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-second day of October 2013.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i