



# *Proclamation*

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## **In Recognition of the Year of General Aviation in Hawai'i**

**WHEREAS**, the General Aviation Council of Hawai'i and the aviators of Hawai'i play a vital role in the lives of our citizens in communities throughout the State of Hawai'i; and

**WHEREAS**, the General Aviation Council of Hawai'i reminds us that Hawai'i is home to 15 State airports, which serve 3,103 pilots and 1,005 general aviation aircraft, and are home to 31 charter flight companies, 11 aviation repair stations, 10 flight schools and 13 fixed-based operators in the State; and

**WHEREAS**, the General Aviation Council of Hawai'i emphasizes that general aviation contributes \$412 million to the State's economy annually and provides residents, businesses and visitors access to isolated areas of the State enabling communities to remain connected to the nation's air transportation system and the world's global marketplace; and

**WHEREAS**, the General Aviation Council of Hawai'i highlights the vital role of general aviation in the State's response to emergencies and natural disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, the General Aviation Council of Hawai'i and other organizations including the National Business Aviation Association, National Association of State Officials, Alliance for Aviation Across America, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, and National Air Transportation Association recognize and promote the interests and importance of aviation in Hawai'i and throughout the world;

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

### **"THE YEAR OF GENERAL AVIATION"**

in Hawai'i and ask 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 twentieth day of February, 2013.

  
NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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