Proclamation

Presented to

University of Hawai`i Rainbow Wahine Athletics

**WHEREAS, University of Hawai`i Rainbow Wahine Athletics** credits the inaugural University of Hawai`i Women's Athletic Director Donnis Thompson with launching Rainbow Wahine sports by forming a track and field program in 1961; and

WHEREAS, University of Hawai`i Rainbow Wahine Athletics is celebrating the 40th anniversary of the passage of the Title IX Amendment of the Higher Education Act of 1972 (in 2002 renamed the Patsy T. Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act) which clearly states that "no person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance"; and

**WHEREAS, University of Hawai`i Rainbow Wahine Athletics** recognizes that the passage of Title IX, allowing for greater access to athletic opportunities for women and the advancement of women within the University system, is the product of the drive and determination of University of Hawai`i Alumna and 12-term congresswoman the late Patsy T. Mink; and

WHEREAS, University of Hawai`i Rainbow Wahine Athletics currently fields 11 women's sports programs with 220 women athletes; including basketball, golf, tennis, and swimming; and that, since 1974, the University has added sailing, water polo, softball, cross country running, soccer, and sand volleyball; and

WHEREAS, University of Hawai`i Rainbow Wahine Athletics achieved many milestones including:

- Rainbow Wahine Volleyball has won three National Titles and led the country in attendance for the past 17 seasons;
- Rainbow Wahine Sailing won the 2001 National Championship;
- Rainbow Wahine Softball reached its first Women's College World series in 2010;
- National Women's Track and Field Champion Gwen Loud, 1984 long jump;
- National Women's Track and Field Champion Amber Kaufman, 2010 high jump;
- National Women's Diving Champion Emma Friesen, 2001 1-meter springboard diving;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai`i, do hereby proclaim May 2, 2012 as

"UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI`I RAINBOW WAHINE ATHLETICS DAY"

in Hawai`i and ask the people of the Aloha State to celebrate the commitment, dedication to competition, and excellence of University of Hawai`i Rainbow Wahine Athletics.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai`i, this twenty-sixth day of April, 2012.

Neil Abercrombie

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai`i

Brian Schatz

BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai`i