Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of Hero Dog Day

WHEREAS, the American Humane Association joins the Hawaiian Humane Society in recognizing Hero Dog Day, to honor the valuable service dogs contribute to our personal safety; and

WHEREAS, the American Humane Association's mission is "to create a more humane and compassionate world by ending abuse and neglect of children and animals; and

WHEREAS, the American Humane Association, in partnership with CESAR® Canine Cuisine have joined together to sponsor the Hero Dog Awards; the Hero Dog Awards recognizes the powerful relationship between dogs and people and celebrates the many benefits of animals and people sharing their lives together; and

WHEREAS, the American Humane Association Hero Dog Awards features eight categories:

- Law Enforcement and Arson Dogs;
- Service Dogs;
- Therapy Dogs;
- Military Dogs;
- Guide Dogs;
- Search and Rescue Dogs;
- Hearing Dogs;
- Emerging Hero Dogs; and

WHEREAS, the American Humane Association Hero Dog Awards acknowledges the contributions to society of many service dogs, including therapy dogs working with children in hospitals, military dogs protecting United States soldiers abroad and even dogs who learn to detect cancer in people, saving human lives; and

WHEREAS, the American Humane Association Hero Dog Awards will announce the winners at the first-ever American Humane Association Hero Dog Awards™ Celebrity Gala at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles, California on October 1, 2011;

THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 1, 2011 as

"AMERICAN HUMANE ASSOCIATION HERO DOG DAY"

in Hawai'i and urge the people of the Aloha State to join us in supporting the American Humane Association Hero Dog Day Awards.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this second day of September, 2011.

Neil Abercrombie

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Brian Schatz

BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i