# Special Message from Governor Neil Abercrombie and Lieutenant Governor Brian Schatz

*Presented to*

## The Citizens, Residents and Government of the Republic of the Philippines

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On behalf of the people of Hawai‘i, we want to extend our heartfelt thoughts and prayers to the citizens, residents and government of the Republic of the Philippines during this trying time.

Hawai‘i and the Philippines have had a history of friendship and partnership spanning over a hundred years. Much of Hawai‘i’s community are ethnically and culturally tied to our brothers and sisters in the Philippines. The devastating earthquake has claimed lives, triggered landslides, and devastated entire communities. The earthquake has also had a significant impact on the people of Hawai‘i.

It is our sincere prayer that the strength and resiliency of those in the Philippines will help the country endure, and that joy and peace will soon return. The people of the Aloha State stand united and ready to assist in this difficult time. *Pagpalain kayo ng mahal na Paginoon* (God bless you all).

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

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