



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the "I love Chinatown Festival Series" summer kick off event is a multi-cultural celebration for Juneteenth, an annual event that commemorates the abolition of slavery in the State of Texas in 1865; and

**WHEREAS**, the block party is a collaboration between Hank's Café, The Dragon Upstairs, Rotary Club of Honolulu Pau Hana Chapter, NAACP, and participating neighborhood businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the NAACP is proud to sponsor this 148<sup>th</sup> Juneteenth celebration, commemorating June 19, the date that slavery officially ended in the United States, two and-a-half years after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed by President Lincoln; and

**WHEREAS**, African Americans have made significant and historic contributions to Honolulu, and their proud legacy includes stories of freed slaves immigrating to Hawaii, as well as other African Americans providing leadership in business, the trades, the arts, education, and other professions; and

**WHEREAS**, luminaries include Anthony Allen and Betsy Stockton, who started the first school for commoners; Nollie Smith, who established civil service and served in public office; and others who performed in King Kamehameha III's Royal Hawaiian Band; and

**WHEREAS**, the I love Chinatown/Juneteenth Block Party will take place on Friday, June 15, 2012, on Nuuanu Avenue, between Hotel Street and King Street in Chinatown,

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, PETER B. CARLISLE**, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, do hereby proclaim June 15, 2012, to be

## **I LOVE CHINATOWN/JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION DAY**

to honor the multi-cultural collaboration among community groups during Juneteenth in Chinatown.

Done this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012,  
in Honolulu, Hawaii.

*Peter B. Carlisle*

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