



*Special Message from Governor Neil Abercrombie*

*Presented to*

**The Beamer Solomon Halau O Po`ohala**

July 17, 2012

On behalf of the people of Hawai'i, it is with great pride that I extend a heartfelt congratulations to the dancers, teachers, parents, and supporters of the Beamer Solomon Halau O Po`ohala on being selected to represent the United States of America in the 2012 Folkmoot USA International Folk Festival in Waynesville, North Carolina.

The 2012 Folkmoot USA International Folk Festival will feature performers from Belgium, Indonesia, Serbia, Peru, Puerto Rico, the Philippines, Ukraine, New Zealand, France, and the United States. This is an honor and a great opportunity for the dancers of the Beamer Solomon Halau O Po`ohala to showcase their skills and share the beauty of the *hula* with an international audience.

In particular, I would like to commend the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the Richard Kelley Trust and the Charles Kelley Trust for their generous donations to the Halau and their support of our indigenous culture, art and dance.

Again, I extend my warmest *aloha* and share my deepest appreciation for all those who have contributed to the success of the Beamer Solomon Halau O Po`ohala.

With warmest regards,

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