July 7, 2014

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim,
President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kim, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 7, 2014, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2223 HD2 CD1 RELATING TO CHANGE OF NAME
ACT 220 (14)

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawaii
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHANGE OF NAME.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. Section 574-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(a) It shall be unlawful to change any name adopted or conferred under this chapter, except:

(1) Upon an order of the lieutenant governor;

(2) By a final order, decree, or judgment of the family court issued as follows:

(A) When in an adoption proceeding a change of name of the person to be adopted is requested and the court includes the change of name in the adoption decree;

(B) When in a divorce proceeding either party to the proceeding requests to [resume]:

(i) Resume the middle name or names and the last name used by the party prior to the marriage or civil union or a middle name or names and last name declared and used during any prior marriage or civil union and the court
includes the change of names in the divorce
decree; or

(ii) Change the name of a minor child of one or
more of the parties if the court determines
that the change of name is in the child's
best interest; or

(C) When in a proceeding for a change of name of a
legitimate or legitimated minor initiated by one
parent, the family court, upon proof that the
parent initiating the name change has made all
reasonable efforts to locate and notify the other
parent of the name change proceeding but has not
been able to locate, notify, or elicit a response
from the other parent, and after an appropriate
hearing, orders a change of name determined to be
in the best interests of the minor; provided that
the family court may waive the notice requirement
to the noninitiating, noncustodial parent where
the court finds that the waiver is necessary for
the protection of the minor;

(3) Upon marriage or civil union pursuant to section
574-1;
(4) Upon legitimation pursuant to section 338-21; or
(5) By an order or decree of any court of competent
jurisdiction within any state of the United States,
the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto
Rico, or any territory or possession of the United
States, changing the name of a person born in this
State.

Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no person who is a
covered offender subject to the registration requirements of
section 846E-2 may obtain a name change, other than as provided
in paragraph (2), (3), (4), or (5), unless a court determines
that it is in the best interest of justice to grant the petition
and that doing so will not adversely affect the public safety."

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this 7 day of JUL, 2014

[Signature]
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII