

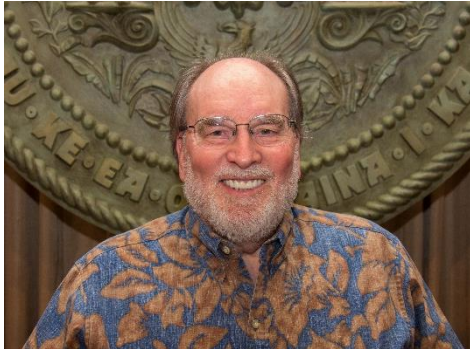


Special Message from Governor Neil Abercrombie

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Pride Guide® Hawai'i

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Aloha and welcome to the readers of the Pride Guide® Hawai'i visiting our beautiful islands.

The Hawai'i Pride Guide provides the LGBT community with important information about our islands. In the pages ahead, you will find out about the many products and services offered specifically for the LGBT community.

You will also discover that the people of Hawai'i truly believe in cultural diversity and that we recognize Gay and Lesbian tourism as an important industry that will support the revitalization of our economy.

In November 2013, I signed into law Senate Bill 1 which legalized marriage for same-sex couples in the State of Hawai'i. The new law took effect on Dec. 2, 2013. Hawai'i is now the 15th state in the nation to fully embrace same-sex marriages.

The Hawai'i Pride Guide serves as a valuable resource for LGBT business owners, as well as wedding industry and visitor industry service providers to reach out to same-sex couples and promote Hawai'i as an ideal location for their unions and the creation of personal memories that last a lifetime here in the Aloha State.

I hope Hawai'i Pride Guide readers enjoy your stay in our islands. *Mahalo* (thank you) for choosing Hawai'i as your vacation, wedding and/or honeymoon destination. Best wishes with future endeavors a lifetime of happiness.

With warmest regards,

NEIL ABERCROMBIE

Governor, State of Hawai'i