



Special Message from Governor Neil Abercrombie

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

The Hawai'i Pride Guide provides the LGBT community with important information about the Aloha State. 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.

On February 23, 2011, I signed Act 1, which makes civil unions legal in Hawai'i. Couples will be allowed to start entering into a civil union on January 1, 2012. The Hawai'i Pride Guide serves as a valuable resource for LGBT business owners and visitor industry service providers to promote this milestone legislation and move towards equality, as well as support LGBT couples and their families to create personal memories that last a lifetime.

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 Hawaii