



**STATE OF HAWAI'I
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

hereby presents this certificate to

RICHARD BURNS

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Public Library System (HSPLS) serves the population of Hawai'i with 50 public libraries that are free and open to all;

WHEREAS, the State Librarian serves as the Chief Officer of the state's administrative agency, as well as the Director of the public library system;

WHEREAS, Mr. Richard Burns served as the State Librarian of the HSPLS from 2008 to 2014, and dedicated his career to public education, working for the HSPLS since 1983 as a Branch Manager, Library Assistant, Library Technician, Children's Librarian, and Bookmobile Librarian;

WHEREAS, Mr. Burns' quality leadership and commitment to public service improved the library system by creating a welcoming place specially designed to meet the educational, informational, and cultural needs of Hawai'i's unique communities;

WHEREAS, under Mr. Burns' leadership, the HSPLS expanded public service days and hours, improved and enlarged collections, increased the number of free public programs and services, further developed traditional and print collections while moving forward into the wireless, e-book and digital arenas, and heightened the value the library system provides for users across the state;

WHEREAS, the commitment and abilities of individuals like Mr. Burns enables the HSPLS to provide Hawai'i's residents with access to education, information, programs and services; now, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED that the State of Hawai'i Board of Education hereby, extends its heartfelt appreciation to Richard Burns for his unwavering support of public education and the people of Hawai'i.

Dated this 18th day of November 2014


Donald G. Horner, Chairperson