



## *Special Message from Governor Neil Abercrombie*

*Presented to*

### **2012 Victoria to Maui International Yacht Race**

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On behalf of the people of Hawai'i, we extend our personal greetings of *aloha* to everyone gathered for the **2012 Victoria to Maui "Vic-Maui" International Yacht Race**.

The "Vic-Maui" continues to be a tremendous source of pride and excitement for the island of Maui and the State of Hawai'i. Race participants come from around the world and travel a minimum of 2,308 nautical miles from Victoria, British Columbia to the finish line in Lahaina, Maui.

*Mahalo nui loa* (thank you very much) to the 2012 "Vic-Maui" International Yacht Race Committee for organizing and hosting this wonderful sporting tradition. For our island guests, we encourage you to enjoy our weather, pristine beaches, historical sites, shopping experiences, dining choices and the warm aloha spirit of our people. In doing so, you will truly discover that *Maui no ka `oi* (Maui is the best).

Best wishes to all the competitors, organizers and volunteers for a successful event. Welcome to Maui and enjoy your time here in the islands.

With warmest regards,

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