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NO. SCPW-10-0000238

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

MICHAEL C. TIERNEY, Petitioner,

VS.

GOVERNOR NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Respondent.

## ORIGINAL PROCEEDING

## ORDER

(By: Recktenwald, C.J., Nakayama, Acoba, and Duffy, JJ. and Circuit Judge Ayabe, assigned by reason of vacancy)

Upon consideration of petitioner Michael C. Tierney's petition for a writ of mandamus, it appears that petitioner fails to demonstrate that he is entitled to mandamus relief. See HRS § 602-5(3) (Supp. 2009) (The supreme court has jurisdiction and power to issue writs of mandamus directed to public officers to compel them to fulfill the duties of their offices.); In Re

Disciplinary Bd. Of Hawaii Supreme Court, 91 Hawaii 363, 368, 984 P.2d 688, 693 (1999) (Mandamus relief is available to compel an official to perform a duty allegedly owed to an individual only if the individual's claim is clear and certain, the official's duty is ministerial and so plainly prescribed as to be free from doubt, and no other remedy is available.). Therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the clerk of the appellate court shall process the petition for a writ of mandamus without payment of the filing fee.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the petition for a writ of mandamus is denied.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawaiʻi, January 12, 2011.

- /s/ Mark E. Recktenwald
- /s/ Paula A. Nakayama
- /s/ Simeon R. Acoba, Jr.
- /s/ James E. Duffy, Jr.
- /s/ Bert I. Ayabe

