## Supreme Court of the State of Hawai'i



## Proclamation

WHEREAS, **Sandra Pechter Song** was born on August 27, 1949, in Chicago, Illinois. She earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Anthropology from the University of California, Berkeley in 1970, and obtained her law degree from Golden Gate University School of Law in 1974. Judge Song was admitted to the California Bar in December 1974 and to the Hawai'i Bar on May 1, 1975. She began her career in the Maui office of the Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i, and was instrumental in opening Legal Aid's Moloka'i branch office; and

WHEREAS, in 1979, Judge Song moved to the Island of Hawai'i to serve as Deputy Corporation Counsel. In 1984, she transitioned to private practice and for the next 13 years worked in two firms where she specialized in real estate, land use development, administrative law, insurance and environmental law litigation, and non-profit organizations. In 1993, Judge Song returned to the County of Hawai'i as Special Counsel, where she drafted the revised Zoning Code, which was adopted by the County in 1996. In 1995, she returned to private practice, this time as a sole practitioner; and

WHEREAS, on June 2, 1997, the Judiciary became the beneficiary of Judge Song's wisdom and expertise when she was appointed by Chief Justice Ronald T.Y. Moon as Judge of the District Court of the Third Circuit. She served with honor and distinction and completed her term in May 2003. In addition to Judge Song's service as a judge, she also served the Judiciary as an arbitrator in the Court Annexed Arbitration Program, and as Grand Jury Counsel in Hilo; and

WHEREAS, more recently, Judge Song worked as an arbitrator, mediator, and a contract hearing officer for the Hawai'i County Planning Commission. She was involved in many of her community's organizations and activities and had a great fondness for orchids. Her contributions to the courts and the Island of Hawai'i will always be remembered, and she will be greatly missed; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Judiciary expresses its sincere condolences to the family of the late Honorable Sandra Petcher Song and extends our sincere appreciation for her many contributions to Hawaii's legal community.

DONE, at the Supreme Court of the State of Hawai'i, this 14th day of July, 2015.

MARK E. RECKTENWALD
Chief Justice, Hawaiʻi State Supreme Court