



Special Message from Governor Neil Abercrombie

August 19, 2012

With heavy heart, I send my sincere condolences to the family of the victims of the senseless tragedy perpetrated on August 5, 2012 in Wisconsin. During Sunday worship, Michael Page committed a senseless act of violence against unarmed worshippers. While his was an act of deranged cowardice, I stand in solidarity with the over 50 Sikhs residing in the Hawaiian Islands to bravely condemn such a violent act and pray for peace and tolerance.

It is my sincere hope that the strength and resiliency of those within our Sikh community will serve as a shining example to all, and that joy and peace will soon return. As one who has been inspired by my visits to the Golden Temple in Amritsar and has been the recipient of the warmth and hospitality of the Sikh people, I, with the people of the Aloha State, stand united and ready to assist in this difficult time.

I would like to end my message with a quote from Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji which I believe embodies the true peaceful spirit of the Sikh Community both here in our State and abroad and serves as a reminder of the obligation we have to serve one another:

"The Giver of peace is eternally blissful."

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Neil Abercrombie". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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