

Proclamation

Women of all backgrounds have unique health needs at every stage of life. Keeping women healthy is a priority for the State of Hawai‘i, as the influence of women extends into many arenas, including our workplaces, families and communities. Efforts to this end rely on strong partnerships with social, health, government and other services.

Each September, communities throughout our islands observe *Women’s Health Month* to encourage and empower women to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Health is much more than the absence of disease – it is a state of total wellness that encompasses physical, mental, emotional and social well-being.

This year, the Commission on the Status of Women, along with public and private partners throughout the state, will coordinate the 13th annual observance of *Women’s Health Month*, themed *Wahine Wellness for a Stronger Hawai‘i*, in order to raise the public’s awareness of women’s health issues, empower women to be their own health advocates, reduce healthcare disparities throughout our islands and promote the total well-being of women throughout Hawai‘i.

Throughout the month, hundreds of events will be sponsored across the state by numerous local organizations, including the University of Hawai‘i and its Cancer Research Center and Outreach College; Kaiser Permanente; Hawai‘i Wellness Institute; Tutu’s House; Sunshine Productions; The Queen’s Medical Center; Reiki - Hawai‘i; Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Hawai‘i; Kāne‘ohe Family Chiropractic; Hawai‘i Bicycling League; Windward Community College; Planned Parenthood Hawai‘i; Edward Jones, Inc.; Painting from the Heart; St. John’s Episcopal Church; Gallerie Ha; American Cancer Society; YWCA of Kaua‘i; Kaua‘i County Committee on the Status of Women; American Heart Association; and, the West Kaua‘i Medical Center and Clinics, among others.

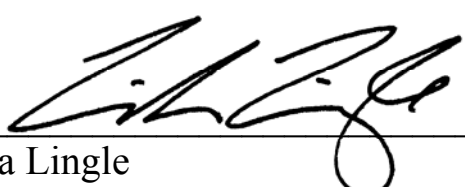
These events will provide the public with vital information on a variety of health topics, including ways to prevent cancer, osteoporosis and violence against women, promote healthy lifestyles, aging and reproductive health, and create and maintain healthy relationships and financial well-being.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and **I, JAMES R. “DUKE” AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, do hereby proclaim **September 2007** as

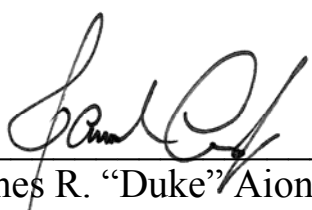
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in Hawai‘i, and encourage our citizens to increase their understanding of women’s health issues through participation in the many special events being held this month.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, this twenty-fourth day of August 2007.



Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai‘i



James R. “Duke” Aiona, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai‘i