

*Message from Governor Linda Lingle*  
*and*  
*Lt. Governor James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.*  
*on the occasion of*  
**CHANUKAH**  
**DECEMBER 21 – 29, 2008**

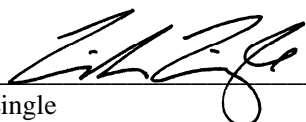
On behalf of the people of Hawai'i, we send our personal greetings of aloha to those of the Jewish faith who are celebrating Chanukah.

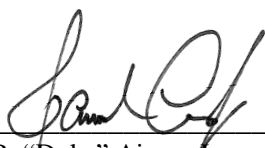
This year, the Festival of Lights begins at sundown on December 21 and continues until December 29. This is a special time of year to commemorate the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem more than 2,000 years ago. According to tradition, there was only enough oil in the sacred lamp to last for one day, but upon being lit, the oil continued to burn brightly for eight days.

Throughout the world, the Chanukah celebration begins by lighting the first candle of the menorah in homes and synagogues. This act is repeated throughout Chanukah as a symbol of enlightenment, hope and gratitude. Other customs include enjoying traditional foods, such as potato latkes, as well as giving Chanukah gelt to and spinning the dreidel with children.

As the Jewish community in Hawai'i celebrates Chanukah, let the continued illumination of the lamp act as a reflection of the light, the aloha spirit, within us all. Best wishes for a joyous, peaceful and happy Chanukah!

Aloha,

  
Linda Lingle  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

  
James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.  
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i