

Proclamation

The people of Hawai‘i join with the Baptiste family in mourning the untimely passing of Kaua‘i Mayor Bryan J. Baptiste. Bryan brought joy to all whose lives he touched with his sense of humor and caring, peaceful spirit.

Kaua‘i has lost a gifted and caring leader devoted to the needs of his island and our state.

As Mayor of Kaua‘i, Bryan led his Administration with integrity and a wholehearted dedication. He fostered a cooperative spirit and cultivated a sense of camaraderie between residents and their elected officials. Known for his ability to bring people together to solve problems, Bryan had a talent for resolving differences with his special warmth and easy-going attitude. His partnerships with his fellow mayors, the state, private and non-profit sectors, and the community forged numerous fruitful collaborations over his seven years in office.

Coming from a family with a history in public service, Bryan brought pride to his ‘ohana and to his beloved Kaua‘i. He championed affordable housing and initiated programs to fight drug abuse. He was also known for his support of legislation protecting public beach access, an example of his devotion to addressing the real concerns and issues facing residents. Elected for his second four-year term in 2006, Mayor Baptiste aimed to improve the quality of life for the current and future generations of our state.

Our government is strengthened today because of leaders like Bryan, who served the public with integrity, compassion and loyalty. Out of deep respect and gratitude, we honor the memory of

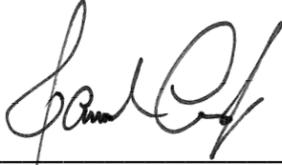
MAYOR BRYAN J. BAPTISTE

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and **I, JAMES R. “DUKE” AIONA, JR.**, do hereby order the lowering of the Hawai‘i state flag on **July 6, 2008**, a tribute to his life and service to our state.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, this first day of July 2008.



Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai‘i



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