

Message from Governor Linda Lingle
and
Lt. Governor James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.

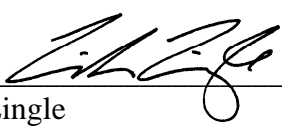
Aloha and Happy Independence Day!

On this day 233 years ago, 56 American patriots signed the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, forever changing the world and creating the foundation of our nation. As citizens of this great nation, we value the principles of freedom, opportunity and democracy that still define the United States of America today.


As we celebrate this historic event each year, it is important to reflect on how many of America's bravest men and women sacrificed their lives so that we may live in peace. Throughout our country's history, courageous men and women have willingly answered the call to defend our inalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Whether you are barbecuing under the fireworks or relaxing with your loved ones, we hope you and your 'ohana enjoy this holiday and take time to reflect on its significance, while keeping our soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines, stationed around the world, and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Aloha,



Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i



James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.
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