



Proclamation

Hospice care provides 24 hour palliative medical care and support by physicians, nurses, social workers and volunteers, who offer physical, psychological, social and spiritual aid for the terminally ill and their families.

Home care enables ill and disabled people to receive high quality medical assistance by helping to control pain and minimize other symptoms, while retaining a sense of dignity, respect and independence in the comfort and the security of their own homes. This palliative care plays a vital role in Hawai'i's health care system. The dedicated work of hospice caregivers ensures that people receive the services and support they need, while reaching out to family and friends to provide guidance and counseling after the loss of a loved one.

Hospice Hawai'i joins with the Hospice Association of America, the National Hospice & Palliative Care Organization and the Hawai'i Association of Home Care in declaring November 2007 as *National Hospice & Palliative Care Month*. Increased public awareness and understanding of hospice care will serve to strengthen the services available to terminally ill patients throughout the community.

On Friday, November 16, 2007, Hospice Hawai'i will host its annual Wine Tasting & Community Awards Gala at the Waialae Country Club with the theme, "Na Hoa Malama – The Caring Friends." We are proud to offer congratulations to community awards recipients including Physician of the Year, **Dr. Lam Nguyen**; Health Care Professional of the Year, **James Rexroat**, pharmacist at Times Supermarket; Health Care Organization of the Year, **Hawaiian Islands Medical, headed by President Laura Steelquist**; Individual Philanthropist of the Year, **Milton Chang**; and Organizational Philanthropist of the Year, the **Hawai'i Hotel Industry Foundation**. In addition, Hospice Hawai'i will honor the rich lives of some of the extraordinary individuals for whom they provided services, including **Loretta "Tetta" Richert, Sergeant Major Hugh O'Reilly, Dwayne Steele, Michael Alan Poi Wo Tongg and Dr. William Waddell**.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **November 2007** as

HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH

in Hawai'i, and commend these health care professionals for the invaluable services they provide to our residents. We also ask Hawai'i's residents to recognize health care professionals and volunteers for their contributions to helping provide comfort and care to those facing terminal illness.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this first day of November 2007.

Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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