



Proclamation

On Constitution and Citizenship Days and during Constitution Week, Hawai'i residents celebrate the 221st anniversary of the United States Constitution by honoring those who created the landmark document that still guides our nation. More than 200 years ago, delegates gathered to create *a more perfect Union* and crafted the document that provides the foundation of our country by balancing authority and inherent freedoms, Federal interests and State powers, individual rights and national unity. On September 17, 1787, delegates signed the Constitution of the United States.

Today, all Americans have shared in this legacy of liberty, and we are grateful for the courage, conviction and sacrifice of those who helped preserve and uphold the principles of democracy. As we remember the importance of the Constitution, we recognize that it is our responsibility to respect and defend the values which make up the foundation of the United States.

In celebration of the signing of the Constitution and in recognition of Americans upholding the duties and responsibilities of citizenship, the United States Congress, by joint resolution of February 29, 1952, designated September 17 as Constitution Day and Citizenship Day, and by joint resolution of August 2, 1956, requested that the week beginning September 17 and ending September 23 of each year be known as "Constitution Week."

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR., Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **September 17, 2008**, as

CITIZENSHIP DAY

and hereby proclaim **September 17 – 23, 2008**, as

CONSTITUTION WEEK

in Hawai'i, and urge naturalized citizens and residents born in the United States to respect and defend the values set forth by our founding fathers.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twelfth day of September 2008.

Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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