

Proclamation

By spending time in the great outdoors, we can celebrate the magnificent landscapes that surround us and renew our commitment to conserve and protect our precious 'aina and waters. Our air, water and land are important resources that sustain us and offer us an abundance of recreational opportunities from hiking and swimming to bird watching and surfing. Residents of Hawai'i live amid many wonders of nature from the slopes of Mauna Kea to the cliffs of Moloka'i and countless other parks, forests and beaches, not to mention thousands of miles of ocean.

Being in the great outdoors reminds us of our role as stewards of our environment, responsible for the future of this land. Our Administration seeks innovative solutions to the challenges facing the environment, and we encourage all residents to enjoy nature while recognizing the environmental and economic benefits of sustaining it. Outdoor recreation is a wonderful tool for the improvement of our natural spaces, because it fosters volunteerism while educating and strengthening the body and mind. The diversity of outdoor recreation options in Hawai'i is what makes our state a place unlike anywhere else on earth for residents and visitors alike.

The enjoyment of nature is not only a healthy activity, but is also promotes awareness of our state's bounty of wildlife. Hawai'i's great outdoors is a thriving, yet delicate ecosystem, and caring for it involves preserving wildlife habitats on land and sea, educating young people about the environment, maintaining recreational trails and reducing invasive species which disrupt the natural balance. A simple and beneficial way to connect with nature is to spend time outside.

Each year, great outdoors month is a significant opportunity to reconnect with nature. We encourage families to explore outdoor activities and help to increase the physical fitness and overall health of our keiki. Outdoor activities improve the quality of life for all residents, and allow us to appreciate and understand the necessity of preservation.

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

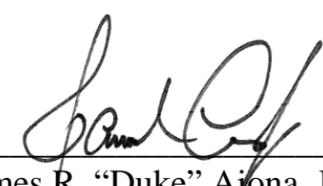
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in Hawai'i, and encourage our residents to appreciate the natural splendor surrounding us and to be aware of conserving the quality of our outdoors for future generations.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-fifth day of June 2008.



Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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