

Proclamation

The public lands of America span more than 600 million acres, approximately one third of our nation. These irreplaceable resources are made up of parks, seashores, forests, wildlife refuges, monuments, lakes, mineral reserves, marine sanctuaries, scenic trails, grasslands, gardens and other unique landmarks.

Maintaining our public lands is important because it provides a wealth of natural resources, is a source of clean air and water, protects ecosystems, plays a role in our country's defense and offers communities safe places for outdoor recreation. Through the raised awareness of critical environmental and natural resource issues, Americans will see the value of enhancing, restoring and protecting these valued lands.

National Public Lands Day began in 1994 with the goal of protecting and preserving America's natural heritage. This annual event has since become our country's largest volunteer effort to improve and enhance our public lands. This year, more than 100,000 people are expected to volunteer at more than 1,000 locations across the nation.

In keeping with this tradition, volunteers in Hawai'i will have four locations to choose from. On the Big Island, Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park offers the opportunity for invasive ginger plant removal, the planting of native trees and a park clean-up. Those who go to the Kahanahāiki Mauka Military Reservation will assist in restoring a portion of the forest. On Kaua'i, volunteers will have a chance to work on trails and help with historic restoration at the Civilian Conservation Corps Camp in Koke'e State Park. Volunteers on O'ahu will take part in a cleanup at Waikīkī Beach and area surrounding the Hale Koa Hotel.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim **September 27, 2008**, as

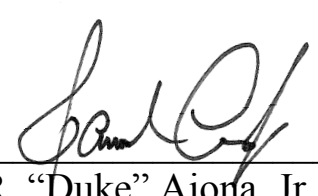
NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

in Hawai'i, and encourage the citizens of Hawai'i to volunteer and help maintain the public lands we enjoy every day.

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