

Proclamation

Public employees, working at all levels of government, make a significant impact in our islands by improving the quality of life for all of Hawai'i's citizens. These dedicated workers teach our children; care for the ill and needy; assist the homeless and unemployed; promote a strong and diversified economy; protect consumers; preserve our natural and cultural resources; build sustainable communities; safeguard our neighborhoods; uphold the rule of law; maintain our roadways, harbors and airports; plan for and respond to emergencies; and provide numerous other valuable government services to the public.

As Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, we are proud to be two of the thousands of public employees who serve the people of Hawai'i. The many valuable contributions made by public employees strengthen our belief that public service is a noble calling. Their professionalism and expertise have helped build a strong foundation for our government, as well as our way of life.

Each May, communities across the nation join the Public Employees Roundtable at the Council for Excellence in Government in celebrating *Public Service Recognition Week*, as well as the National Association of State Personnel Executives in observing *State Employee Recognition Day*, in order to express their appreciation to all public employees for their many important contributions to our daily lives.

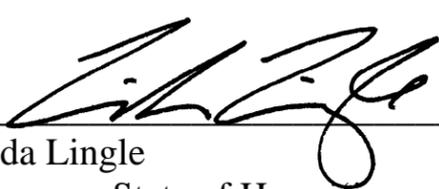
Hawai'i celebrates *Pride in Public Service Month* each May for the same purpose. This month we urge our state department heads to hold their own special departmental activities to honor their dedicated workforce. Public employees work to improve the quality of life for all of our residents through all levels of service, federal, state and county.

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

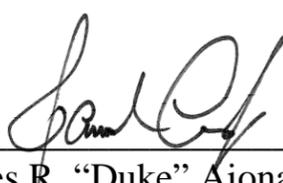
PRIDE IN PUBLIC SERVICE MONTH

in Hawai'i, and thank our dedicated public servants for their energy, diligence and steadfast commitment to our citizens.

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



Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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