

# Proclamation

School psychologists help create a safe, supportive and healthy learning environment for our children. These school-based experts, trained in both psychology and education, serve as a valuable resource in understanding a student's psychological development and possible challenges.

As providers of mental health services to students, teachers, staff and parents, school psychologists initiate and participate in assessments, instruction reform, data-based decision making and intervention efforts. As a result, research-based programs are custom designed to meet the individualized needs of students and are implemented to reduce mental health problems, enhance independence and promote optimal learning.

For more than 60 years, school psychology has been regarded as an established, highly effective practice. School psychologists work with students to foster positive attitudes and develop their social and academic abilities. They promote positive social connections, teach peace-building skills and encourage healthy habits while providing clear expectations and caring support.

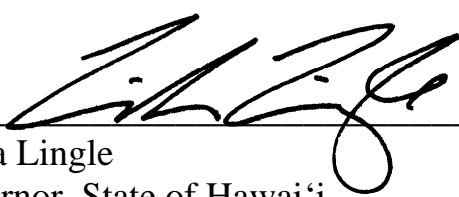
The Hawai'i Association of School Psychologists (HASP) provides psychologists employed by public schools, colleges and universities in our state with valuable resources and support. During the second week of November, the HASP promotes School Psychology Awareness Week to bring attention to vital role school psychologists play in the personal and academic development of our students.

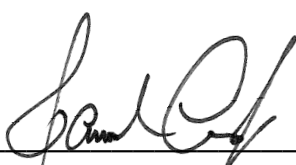
**THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE**, Governor, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim November 10 through 14, 2008, as

## **SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY AWARENESS WEEK**

in Hawai'i, and recognize these professionals for the work they do to improve the psychological well-being of our children.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this third day of November 2008.

  
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Linda Lingle  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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