

Proclamation

The study of astronomy provides fascinating insights into the mysteries of our galaxy, the origin of the universe and many facets of our life here on Earth.

The aerospace industry, which researches, designs, manufactures, operates and maintains vehicles for aviation and space exploration, is a diverse field. With commercial, industrial and military applications, aerospace plays an important role in innovation and development, forging new frontiers in scientific inquiry and discovery; providing valuable education and training in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM); advancing healthcare diagnostics and delivery systems; offering sustainable alternatives for clean energy; and enabling space-based observation and a deeper understanding of our planet.

Hawai'i's longstanding connection with the wonders of space began with the islands' original Polynesian inhabitants, who used stars to navigate the open ocean in search of new lands. Today, as a leader in space science and exploration, our state has world-class observatories atop Mauna Kea; deep space surveillance systems at Science City on Maui; globally-recognized planetary research at the University of Hawai'i; and the world's largest sea-air-space technology testing and training environment at the Pacific Missile Range on Kaua'i.

In addition, Hawai'i's geographical location, combined with the research partnerships we share with our neighbors throughout the Asia-Pacific region, make our islands an ideal venue for collaboration in aerospace-related projects. With projects that could result in the development of next-generation aviation technology and commercial space transportation, Hawai'i is a major contributor to the global aerospace enterprise.

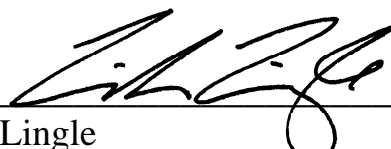
Aerospace in Hawai'i Week, taking place on October 4 – 10, 2009, is a celebration of past achievements and future potential in aerospace. Events include astronaut presentations, teacher training programs, public exhibits and television documentaries throughout the state will underscore the inspirational value and continuing promise that aerospace holds for Hawai'i.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR., Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **October 4 – 10, 2009** as

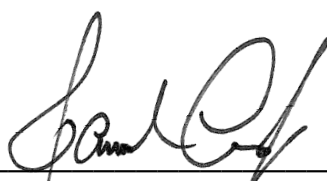
AEROSPACE IN HAWAI'I WEEK

and encourage our residents to learn more about this exciting field, which will continue to benefit us for years to come.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this second day of October 2009.



Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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