



Proclamation

The United States Postal Service plays an important role in our nation. Its employees are committed to rapidly delivering mail in a professional and courteous manner. As a result of their efforts, our postal system is among the most efficient in the world.

This service is of particular importance to Hawai'i, as our islands' location is geographically remote, in the middle of the vast Pacific Ocean. Without reliable mail delivery, our state would face a noticeable communications divide from the rest of the world. The people of Hawai'i are truly indebted to their dedicated postal workers.

The American Postal Workers Union (APWU) is the world's largest postal union, representing approximately 330,000 United States Postal Service employees and retirees, and nearly 2,000 private sector mail workers. For more than three decades, APWU has fought for dignity and respect on the job, as well as fair wages, benefits and safe working conditions.

This year, the Hawai'i American Postal Workers Union will host its 20th Biennial State Convention from May 22 – 24, 2009, at the Ala Moana Hotel in Honolulu. Delegates from across the state will meet to discuss the challenges of expanding and improving services through workshops and seminars.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR., Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **May 22 - 24, 2009**, as

HAWAI'I AMERICAN POSTAL WORKERS UNION WEEK

in Hawai'i, and recognize our dedicated postal workers for their outstanding service to our citizens.

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

Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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