

Proclamation

The Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum was founded in 1889 by Charles Reed Bishop in honor of his beloved wife, Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop. The Hawaiian Hall complex, built to house Pauahi's personal collections, stands today as a lasting testament to the princess and the native Hawaiian heritage of our state.

One hundred and twenty years after Bishop Museum was first established, following its first major renovation in more than a century, Hawaiian Hall will once again open its doors to the community on August 8, 2009. This reopening is a remarkable undertaking, combining the skill, expertise and passion of world-renown exhibit designers, award winning historic architects and respected Hawaiian community scholars, cultural practitioners and artists. The result is a state of the art museum that embodies a native Hawaiian world view, layered in meaning and authentic in voice.

The public has the opportunity to participate in the weekend-long celebration, which includes live entertainment, cultural activities, exhibitors, vendors and cultural practitioners. The newly renovated Hawaiian Hall offers visitors deeper insights into Hawaiian culture, with each of the three floors representing a different realm. The first floor, Kai Ākea, represents the realm of Hawaiian gods, legends, beliefs and the world of pre-contact Hawai'i. The second floor, Wao Kanaka, represents the realm where people live and work, and focuses on the importance of the land and nature in daily life. The third floor, Wao Lani, is the realm inhabited by the gods, and visitors will learn about key moments in Hawaiian history. Over time, artifacts will be rotated to ensure their proper care, giving staff members the opportunity to display an unprecedented number of treasured collections.

In addition to Hawaiian Hall, all of Bishop Museum's exhibits will be open to the public throughout the weekend as part of the festivities, including Polynesian Hall, Castle Memorial Building, the Mamiya Science Adventure Center and the J. Watumull Planetarium. The Great Lawn will feature three themed tents to reflect the realms of Hawaiian Hall.

With the support from Hawaiian Airlines, Outrigger Enterprises Group and the John Young Foundation, as well as the continued dedication of staff and volunteers, Bishop Museum has the opportunity to celebrate the historic grand opening of Hawaiian Hall and return a critical piece of history to the people of 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 **August 8, 2009**, as

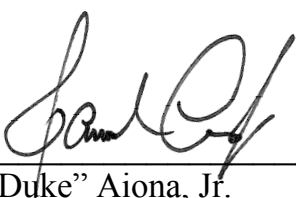
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in Hawai'i, and encourage our residents and visitors to take advantage of all the educational opportunities the museum has to offer.

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



Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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