



Proclamation

As the stewards of the next generation, we have the important responsibility of providing the guidance and resources necessary to help our keiki achieve their full potential. By setting a good example and spending quality time with our young ones, we can show the leaders of tomorrow how to find success and happiness in their lives as they become productive and valuable citizens.

In 1994, the Legislature passed the first of two laws specifying the first Sunday in October as “Children’s Day” and the following week as “Children’s Week.” The second bill, passed by the Legislature in 1997, designates the entire month of October as “Children and Youth Month.”

As the only state in the country with this established legislation, we are proud to recognize the importance of our keiki and their contributions to our families and our community. This year, we are celebrating the children of our state with a series of events designed to educate and entertain the children and families of Hawai‘i.

- October 3 Live Energy Lite sponsored by Hawaiian Electric Company; Department of Business Economic Development & Tourism; Malama Hawai‘i; and Pearlridge Center
- October 4 McDonald’s & Hawai‘i Children’s Trust Fund’s Children and Youth Day
- October 9–11 21st Annual Talk Story Festival
- October 10 Hawai‘i State Art Museum’s Second Saturday
- October 11 Hawai‘i Fishing and Seafood Festival
- October 12–13 UN Association – Hawai‘i Division’s United Nations Day Celebrations
& 23–24
- October 13 Children & Youth Summit
- October 17 South Maui Children & Youth Day
- October 18 Hawai‘i Pacific Health Kids Fest
- October 18–24 Teen Read Week
- October 24 Free Keiki IDs
- October 29 Outstanding Advocates for Children & Youth Awards
- October 31 22nd Annual Bishop Museum Treat Street and Windward Mall’s Safety Trick or Treat

These events offer a positive diversion from our busy lifestyles and an opportunity to nurture the important relationship between parents and their children.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai‘i and **I, JAMES R. “DUKE” AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim **October 2009** as

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MONTH

in Hawai‘i, and encourage our residents to spend quality time with their children.

Done at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, this first day of October 2009.

Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai‘i

James R. “Duke” Aiona, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai‘i