



# Proclamation

The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Rainbow Wahine volleyball team made history tonight at the Stan Sheriff Center, with its hard-fought win over New Mexico State, giving legendary head coach Dave Shoji his 1,000<sup>th</sup> win.

With this victory, Coach Shoji becomes only the second Division I coach to reach 1,000 wins.

In his 34-year career with the University of Hawai'i volleyball program, Coach Shoji has nurtured the Wahine program from its early days in the heat-saturated Klum Gym, to a nationally respected powerhouse and the only revenue-producing volleyball team in the nation.

Under Coach Shoji's leadership, the UH Wahine have won four national titles and numerous conference championships. At the beginning of the 2009 season, Coach Shoji had an overall record of 984-173-1, a .849 winning percentage. During his long tenure at the University of Hawai'i, Coach Shoji has received many national coaching honors, including being named as coach of the NCCA Division I 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Women's Volleyball Team in 2005.

Beyond the victories, national titles, trophies and banners, Coach Shoji has earned the highest respect and admiration of the national and international volleyball community, from fellow coaches to players to the fans. His love of the sport of volleyball, passion for coaching, low-key leadership style and his humility have all contributed to his tremendous success.

Coach Shoji also plays a key role in helping his student athletes reach their full potential off the court. Through his leadership, mentorship and genuine caring nature, his former players have gone on to become Olympic medalists, teachers, coaches, business executives and even a Miss Hawai'i. Above all, Coach Shoji has helped generations of players develop into upstanding citizens and outstanding individuals who are making a positive difference in our community.

We are pleased to honor Coach Shoji and the entire University of Hawai'i Rainbow Wahine Volleyball program, together with their family, friends and fans, who have made the dream of 1,000 wins a reality.

**THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE**, Governor, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **October 17, 2009** as

## **COACH DAVE SHOJI 1,000<sup>TH</sup> WIN DAY**

in Hawai'i, and recognize the efforts of everyone involved in reaching this milestone and making the University of Hawai'i Rainbow Wahine Volleyball program a cherished tradition in the islands.

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

Linda Lingle  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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