

Proclamation

Hawai'i's fresh milk industry is important to a strong and diversified agricultural sector in our state. Milk provides wholesome nutrition to consumers on a daily basis and is an excellent source of fresh food for our residents. Milk contains calcium and other essential nutrients necessary for strong bones and good health.

Hawai'i's dairy industry contributes to food security for Hawai'i residents and decreases our dependency on imported milk. Buying local milk supports our state's dairy market. The Big Island dairies responsible for the production of island fresh milk contribute more than \$6 million annually to our state's economy and provide a quality alternative to mainland products.

Consumer support for island fresh milk sustains a viable industry in Hawai'i, contributing to our health, welfare and quality of life in the islands. Each June, our state observes Dairy Month to raise awareness about the many benefits of choosing produced milk in Hawai'i. On June 27, the Department of Agriculture will host a "Buy Fresh, Buy Local" event at KTA Super Stores Puainako in Hilo from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants have the opportunity to meet Hawai'i farmers, purchase locally grown foods and learn more about milk products and how important the dairy industry is to our state. We appreciate KTA Super Stores for providing our residents with fresh, locally grown food throughout the years.

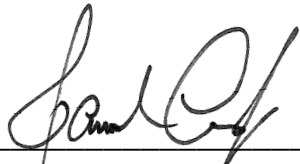
THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **June 2009**, as

DAIRY MONTH

in Hawai'i, and encourage all of our citizens to support local dairies.

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

Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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