

Proclamation

America is a family-oriented nation, one that was settled by men and women who sought a better life for themselves and their children. In Hawai'i, family roots are exalted in the culture and traditions. The principles of aloha and 'ohana have deep meaning for our state's residents and are at the heart of our success. In our uniquely diverse state, many families are multiracial, multicultural and multifaith, teaching tomorrow's leaders the values of respect and acceptance that they will carry with them for a lifetime.

Since 1949, the Hawai'i Association for Family & Community Education (FCE) has served the community as a nonprofit volunteer organization with a total of 460 members on O'ahu, Maui, Kaua'i, Moloka'i and the Big Island. A member of the National Association for Family and Community Education, the FCE often works in conjunction with the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources Cooperative Extension Service to strengthen individuals, families and communities through continued education, developing leadership skills and encouraging public service.

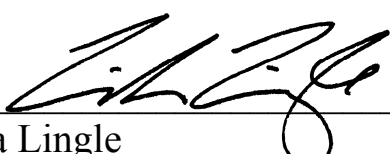
Each year, the National FCE observes National Family Community Education Week with various events across the country. This year's theme, *Make A Date With Your Family*, calls upon individuals to take the initiative and designate special time to spend with their families. On October 16–17, 2009, the Hawai'i Association FCE is holding its annual convention, which will give attendees the opportunity to share ideas and expertise, learn new practices and gain insights into family community education.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **October 11–17, 2009** as the

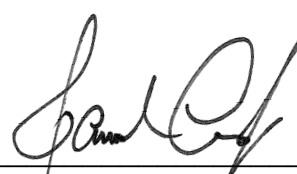
FAMILY COMMUNITY EDUCATION WEEK

in Hawai'i, and encourage our residents to spend time with their 'ohana and promote the importance of family in their community.

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



Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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