

*Message from Governor Linda Lingle*  
*and*  
*Lt. Governor James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.*  
*on the occasion of*  
**LABOR DAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 7, 2009**

Aloha and happy Labor Day,

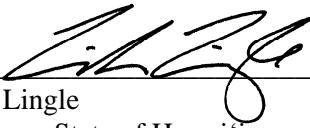
Each year, our nation sets aside the first Monday in September to honor the social and economic achievements of American workers. During the course of U.S. history, the working men and women of our country have enabled the United States of America to serve as a global leader and voice for freedom in the world.

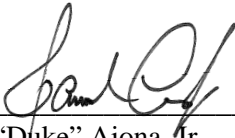
As we face unprecedented events that have created a challenging economic environment, it is even more important to express our appreciation to our dedicated work force. America's hard work ethic has always been a characteristic in which we pride ourselves. The people of Hawai'i have a capacity for innovation, and our workforce is invaluable to our future.

This year, as we reflect on 50 years of statehood, we must also look to the future and take the steps necessary to strengthen our workforce, foster innovation, utilize clean energy and emphasize science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) skills in our schools.

We hope you and your 'ohana enjoy this holiday and give thanks to those who have tirelessly contributed to our nation's great accomplishments, freedom and liberty.

Mahalo,

  
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Governor, State of Hawai'i

  
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