

Proclamation

The rule of law and the legal process are at the heart of any just society and help to protect the rights and freedoms that all Americans share. Laws also safeguard members of an organization by establishing order so that a group of people can collaborate efficiently and effectively.

Established in 1878, the American Bar Association (ABA) sets academic standards for law schools and formulates ethical codes related to the legal profession. With 410,000 members nationwide, this voluntary bar association of lawyers and law students provides law school accreditation, continuing legal education, information about the law, programs to assist lawyers and judges in their work, and initiatives to serve the public.

This year, we join together in commemorating the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth. One of the most esteemed presidents in American history, Lincoln's background as a lawyer influenced many of his actions and decisions. The voice of justice, he helped pave the way for the success of women suffragists and the Civil Rights movement. In 1959, statehood allowed Hawai'i citizens to enjoy the fundamental values of human equality and liberty that Lincoln helped to uphold during his presidency. We are pleased to be celebrating this 50-year milestone in our state.

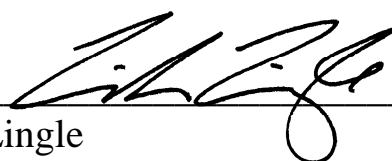
Each year, the ABA and other organizations observe Law Day and Law Week in recognition of the important role the legal system plays in our democracy. This year's theme is *A Legacy of Liberty – Celebrating Lincoln's Bicentennial*. In Hawai'i, April 27–May 2, 2009 is Law Week. Free legal clinics set up at shopping centers throughout the state on May 2 will provide the public with legal assistance, along with other public service events.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR., Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **April 27–May 2, 2009**, as

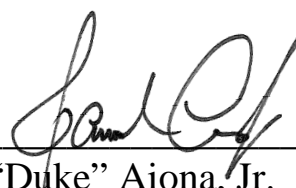
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in Hawai'i, and encourage our residents to understand and appreciate the laws protecting our freedom.

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



Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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