

Proclamation

When America faces times of conflict, the burdens are not shared equally. The members of the United States Armed Forces make tremendous sacrifices to uphold the principles of freedom and democracy. Americans owe a tremendous debt to the courageous members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and National Guard; they are the heroes of our time.

Hawai'i troops not only bring stability to troubled parts of the world, but serve as first responders during natural disasters, reach out to needy members of our community and participate in humanitarian missions across the globe. We also appreciate the sacrifices of military families, who face the additional stress of having loved ones deployed. As civilians, far removed from the effects of war, we have a responsibility to support members of our armed forces and their families in whatever way we can.

The U.S. Congress designates May as *National Military Appreciation Month* in observation, remembrance and appreciation of the many sacrifices our active duty military, guardsmen and reservists make for our collective benefit. During this time, our Administration would like to offer our warmest wishes of aloha to our military personnel. Whether you are a resident of our state or stationed here in the islands, you are a part of our 'ohana. We thank our troops who have returned from missions for a job well done and pray for the safe and speedy return of those still deployed.

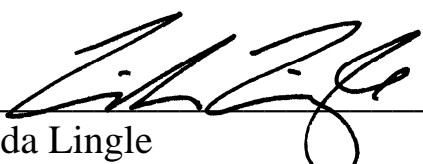
In honoring Hawai'i's Armed Forces for the past 24 years, the Chamber of Commerce of Hawai'i is hosting several events, including opening ceremonies on April 30 at the U.S.S. Missouri and a military recognition luncheon on May 21 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort and Spa.

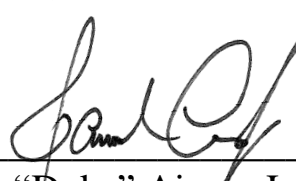
THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **May 2009** as

MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

in Hawai'i, and encourage our residents to show their appreciation to our service members and their families for making our state, nation and world a safer and better place to live.

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


Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i


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