

Message from Governor Linda Lingle
and
Lt. Governor James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.

Mother's Day is a special time to pay tribute to the mothers in Hawai'i and around the world to recognize the many contributions they make to their families and our entire community.


A mother's love comes in many different forms, offering us encouragement, guidance and support. The lessons we learn from our mothers stay with us our entire lives. For those who do not have a mother in a traditional sense, surrogate mothers are immensely important, whether she is a grandmother, aunt, cousin or friend.

Despite leading busy lives, mothers find time to instill in their keiki the importance of giving to others and living with aloha. Here in Hawai'i, where the ideals of 'ohana are central to the cultural fabric of our community, we are fortunate to have mothers dedicated to ensuring that the unique qualities of our island home endure in future generations.

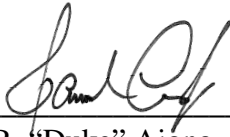
On this Mother's Day, let us also remember our mothers who serve in uniform, and are away from their loved ones while fighting for the principles of freedom and democracy. We appreciate the sacrifices made by the members of our armed forces and their families, and will keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

We hope that families throughout our islands will join together in celebrating this Mother's Day.

Aloha,



Linda Lingle
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