

Proclamation

For many people throughout the world, prayer is an important aspect of life. During the course of human history, men and women of various faiths have turned to prayer in times of joy and celebration, as well as in times of grief and need. Prayer is regarded as a powerful force to find peace, comfort and healing, as well as to show reverence, express one's thoughts or emotions or seek forgiveness. It is for this reason that America's founding fathers included and protected this freedom in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

On May 7, 2009, millions of Americans will gather for the 58th annual *National Day of Prayer*, themed "Prayer...America's Hope." More than 50,000 prayer groups from across the country will join together in places of worship and other locations to pray for spiritual guidance, as well as the needs of our communities, nation and world.

Locally, the Hawai'i Prayer Task Force will lead participants in prayer at Kapolei District Park at noon, and in an evening ceremony joined by federal, state and elected officials, pastors, congregations and representatives from the armed forces at the State Capitol Auditorium from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **May 7, 2009**, as

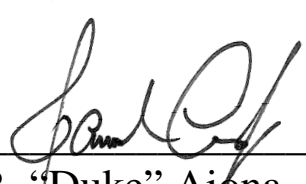
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in Hawai'i, and encourage our citizens to join together in prayer, each according to his or her own faith.

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



Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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