

Proclamation

The valuable contributions made by Hawai'i public employees have improved the quality of life for the people of our state and strengthened the belief that public service is a noble profession. Their professionalism and expertise have helped build a strong foundation for our government, as well as our way of life.

As Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, we join public employees in serving the people of Hawai'i with pride. According to the Department of Human Resources Development, there are 54,677 state employees in Hawai'i. These dedicated workers teach our children; care for the ill and needy; assist the homeless and unemployed; promote a strong and diversified economy; protect consumers; preserve our natural and cultural resources; build sustainable communities; safeguard our neighborhoods; uphold the rule of law; maintain our roadways, harbors and airports; plan for and respond to emergencies; and provide numerous other services to the public.

Each May, communities across the nation join the Public Employees Roundtable at the Council for Excellence in Government in celebrating *Public Service Recognition Week*, as well as the National Association of State Personnel Executives in observing *State Employee Recognition Day*, in order to express their appreciation to all public employees for their many important contributions to our daily lives.


Hawai'i celebrates *Pride in Public Service Month* each May for the same purpose. This month, we urge our state department heads to hold their own special departmental activities to honor their dedicated workforce.

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

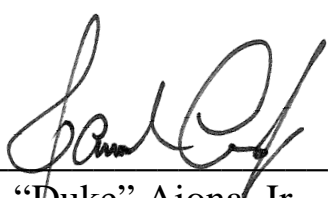
PRIDE IN PUBLIC SERVICE MONTH

in Hawai'i, and thank our dedicated public servants for their diligence and steadfast commitment to our citizens.

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



Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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