



Proclamation

The people of Hawai‘i and Samoa have shared strong bonds of friendship since Samoans first arrived on O‘ahu in 1919, and many Samoan customs have become a part of our islands’ multi-ethnic heritage. For the past nine decades, Samoans have played an active role in their communities and made many significant contributions to our islands.

In an initiative to honor the many accomplishments Samoans, from both American and Independent Samoa, have achieved in the state of Hawai‘i, Governor Togiola Tulafono has encouraged the celebration of Samoan Heritage Week during the first week of August. Governor Togiola Tulafono also hopes to instill cultural pride in the younger generation and inspire them to fulfill their potential and become responsible members of society.

A committee chaired by Afimutasi Gus Hannemann, along with the help of various local organizations and churches, has planned many exciting events for Samoan Heritage Week, August 2–9, 2009. The week’s festivities will kick-off with a Samoan church service at the Neal S. Blaisdell Concert Hall on August 2. Other events include the All Samoan Joint Services Military Ball, the Miss Siva Samoa competition for girls ages 5 to 11 and a concert at the Waikīkī Shell featuring Mat Catingub, a successful Samoan musician and conductor for the Honolulu Symphony Pops.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and **I, JAMES R. “DUKE” AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, do hereby proclaim **August 2–9, 2009**, as

SAMOAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION WEEK

in Hawai‘i, and encourage our citizens to join the Samoan community in celebrating this special occasion.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, this eighth day of August 2009.

Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai‘i

James R. “Duke” Aiona, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai‘i