

# Proclamation

The courageous actions of our servicemen and women have changed the course of history and helped to spread the principles of democracy to nations around the world. As we observe *Military Appreciation Month* in May, we remember and honor those wounded in the line of duty and those who gave the ultimate sacrifice to protect our safety and freedom.

The tradition of awarding the Silver Star dates back to 1917, when people would sew over a blue star with silver thread to signify a wounded veteran. Founded in 2005, the Silver Star Families of America (SSFOA) is committed to supporting and assisting wounded and ill service members and their families, and advocating for the quality care of our wounded veterans. SSFOA members are dedicated to designing, manufacturing and providing a Silver Star Banner and Flag for those who were injured or wounded, as well as care packages for their families. It is the SSFOA's goal that every time someone sees a Silver Star Banner in a window or a Silver Star Flag flying, they remember the sacrifices our armed forces have made for our state and nation.


On May 1, communities throughout the nation will observe *Silver Star Day* in order to recognize and thank our wounded and ill veterans. Like their fellow Americans, the people of Hawai'i are truly indebted to these soldiers and join in recognizing their selflessness and sacrifice in service to our great nation.

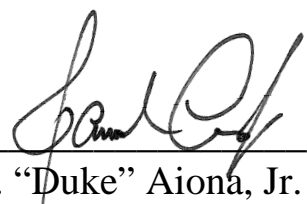
**THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE**, Governor, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **May 1, 2009**, as

## **SILVER STAR DAY**

in Hawai'i, and encourage our citizens to pay tribute to the members of the armed forces who have been wounded or fallen ill while, or as a result of, serving our country.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-fourth day of April 2009.

  
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Linda Lingle  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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