

**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF HAWAII**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, for more than one year, all of the Counties of the State of Hawaii have been stricken by serious drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, rainfall, stream flow, and ground water levels across the State have been observed to be significantly below normal; and

WHEREAS, current forecasts indicate that drought conditions are likely to persist or intensify through the summer months and longer; and

WHEREAS, due to persistent drought conditions, the agriculture industry has reported loss of pasture forage for cattle and reduced crop yields resulting in significant economic losses; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Department of Water Supply, Maui Department of Water Supply, and Honolulu Board of Water Supply have issued water conservation notices; and

WHEREAS, the risk of fire to wildlands is exacerbated by prolonged dry conditions; and

WHEREAS, financial assistance is needed to help to reduce the impacts to drought; and

WHEREAS, the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991, as amended, 43 USC Sections 2201 et seq., authorizes the United States Secretary of the Interior to undertake activities in an effort to minimize losses and damages resulting from drought conditions in certain states, including Hawaii;

NOW THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawaii, do hereby determine and proclaim that serious drought conditions now presently exist throughout the State of Hawaii, have existed for more than one year, and are anticipated to continue for another year, if not longer. I make this determination as part of my request to the United States Secretary of the Interior for any and all drought relief assistance available under applicable law to mitigate losses and damages being caused by drought in all of the Counties of Hawaii.

DONE at the State Capitol,

Honolulu, Hawaii, this
20th day of August, 2003



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