



Proclamation

Every Hawai'i resident deserves a comfortable and safe dwelling to call home, and to be treated equally with the *aloha spirit*. Housing discrimination is inconsistent with the values of equal opportunity and fairness which we cherish and aspire to as citizens of the United States of America and the State of Hawai'i.

The federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 and Chapter 515, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, are the principal instruments for combating housing discrimination in the State of Hawai'i. These laws prohibit refusing to sell or rent a dwelling to anyone because of his or her race, religion, national origin, disabilities or whether or not a family has children.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; the State of Hawai'i – Hawai'i Public Housing Authority; the City and County of Honolulu; the Counties of Hawai'i, Kaua'i and Maui; the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission; and, the Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i are all committed to working together to end housing discrimination in the State, wherever it may occur.

The month of April 2007 marks the 39th anniversary of the enactment of the Fair Housing Act, and it has been designated as *Fair Housing Education Month* to encourage the people of Hawai'i to attend free fair housing education seminars offered in every county. Through increased public awareness, State and County Fair Housing Officers hope to end discrimination in housing.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **April 2007** as

FAIR HOUSING EDUCATION MONTH

in Hawai'i, and urge all our citizens to support an end to housing discrimination.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this second day of April 2007.

Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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