



Proclamation

Hawai'i's continued prosperity and ability to preserve its quality of life depends on reducing the state's over-reliance on land development as the chief economic driver and meeting the new challenges of the global, technology-based economy. In order to accomplish this, the state must shift toward developing human capital and the capacity to innovate, which will enable our companies and citizens to compete effectively in the global economy and bring new, higher-paying jobs to the islands.

To this end, the Hawai'i Innovation Initiative seeks to cultivate and foster innovation throughout the economy – in both new and existing industries. The initiative features five interrelated components: *Innovation in Education, Innovation in the Economy, Innovation in Workforce Development, Innovation in Linking Hawai'i to the Global Economy* and *Innovation in State Government*. These proposals aim to equip Hawai'i's students and workforce with the skills needed for high technology jobs, and position Hawai'i as a leader in the Asia-Pacific region.

Science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) are critical fields in this endeavor, and Hawai'i must foster the development of this sector of the economy. The Hawai'i Science and Technology Council serves local companies engaged in life sciences, ocean sciences, agricultural biotechnology, astronomy, aerospace, information, communication, energy, defense and dual-use technology, along with film and digital media through a statewide public and private sector network. Through its advocacy, enterprise support and research programs, the Council helps to accelerate Hawai'i's science and technology industry, which in turn will help build a sustainable future for the state.

On April 3, students, teachers and leaders in the science and technology community will celebrate *Science and Technology Day* at the State Capitol, themed "Innovating a Future We Can Live In." The event will feature exhibitions and information about career opportunities in STEM fields, showcasing more than 100 Hawai'i companies.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR., Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **April 3, 2007**, as

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DAY **"INNOVATING A FUTURE WE CAN LIVE IN"**

in Hawai'i, and encourage our students and workforce to develop heightened analytical and problem-solving skills needed for the 21st century global economy.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-eighth day of March 2007.

Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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