

Proclamation

Heading to the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans on January 1, 2008, our own tenth-ranked University of Hawai'i Warriors will face the fifth-ranked Georgia Bulldogs from the Southeastern Conference. Our Warriors remain the only undefeated college team in the nation and are only the fifth team in the Western Athletic Conference to ever finish with an undefeated season.

In your thrilling rally to defeat Washington 35-28 last night, the Warriors placed first in the NCAA statistics for scoring, averaging an astounding 46.2 points per game. The Warriors placed second in the NCAA for total offense, averaging 529.3 yards; and second in kickoff returns, averaging 24.2 yards. With Davone Bess, Ryan Grice-Mullins and Jason Rivers sealing the top three NCAA spots in receiving, Colt Brennan placed second in passing offense.

This extraordinary team celebrated their first outright WAC Championship by defeating Boise State University on November 23, and marked the first time the team finished a conference season undefeated. Your current 13-game winning streak stretches back to the 2006 season and is the longest in the nation, while the current 17-game conference winning streak is the longest in the school's history. The team surpassed the school record from the 1992 and 1999 teams by winning 12 games during the season.

The time the Warriors spend on the gridiron is also notable for the 13 NCAA, 14 WAC and 34 school records that were set or tied in the first 11 games this season. The recognition of players and coaches followed, with players in the running for a number of national and conference awards, including the Heisman Trophy, the Manning Award, the Davey O'Brien Award, the Walter Camp Award, and the Maxwell Award. Two players are in the running for the Biletnikoff Award. Other players were on the watch list for the Butkus Award, the Rimington Trophy and the Lou Groza Place-Kicker Award. Coach June Jones is a national coach of the year candidate, along with being named one of 16 semi-finalists for the Paul "Bear" Bryant Award and one of 11 semi-finalists for the Bobby Dodd Award.

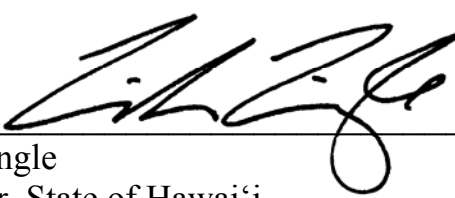
In hosting tonight's fundraising dinner event, the Nā Koa football support club will recognize 22 seniors for their outstanding performance throughout the past four years. Nā Koa will also present Captain's Awards, Outstanding Warrior Awards, and Scout Team Awards to the top offensive, defensive and special team players, in addition to Ben Yee's Most Inspirational Player Award, the Scholar-Athlete Award and Alec Waterhouse's Most Valuable Player Award. This special season will be one that you will always remember and go down in the books as one of the most remarkable in the University of Hawai'i's long and proud history.

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

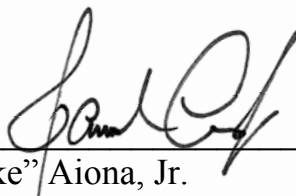
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in Hawai'i, and congratulate the University of Hawai'i team, the coaches and support staff for an outstanding season, and extend our best wishes for continued success in the future. Go Warriors!

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



Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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