



Proclamation

Filing income taxes can be a stressful and daunting task, especially for those who cannot hire an accountant. While few Americans look forward to preparing their paperwork, the process can be particularly difficult for low or moderate income households.

To overcome this challenge, the AARP founded the Tax-Aide program in 1968 to assist low to moderate income taxpayers, with a focus on seniors 60 years and older, properly file tax returns. Each year, thousands of volunteers undergo rigorous training to offer free tax preparation assistance, in order to ensure these citizens receive every deduction and credit for which they are eligible.

Last year, 176 AARP Tax-Aide volunteers assisted more than 11,000 Hawai'i taxpayers, and, for the first time, extended their services to Moloka'i residents. They also visited care homes and hospitals to help those who could not travel to a Tax-Aide site.

Because of these efforts, Hawai'i's electronic filing rate among AARP Tax-Aide participants was 87.6%, and the national AARP Tax-Aide average was 72.6%. These marks have already surpassed the Internal Revenue Service's national goal of reaching 70% electronic filing in order to reduce paper waste.

AARP Tax-Aide volunteers will again provide their services to Hawai'i taxpayers this year, partnering with the State of Hawai'i's Director of Taxation, Internal Revenue Service specialists, Aloha United Way, Helping Hands Hawai'i RSVP, O'ahu Veterans Center, KIKU-TV, and key tax preparers.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim **February 1 through April 20, 2007**, as

AARP TAX-AIDE SEASON

in Hawai'i, and thank all of the AARP Tax-Aide volunteers for their outstanding service to our citizens.

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

Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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