



Proclamation

Every year, hundreds of calls are received at 9-1-1 centers across the country from young children, some of whom may be frightened, alone and unfamiliar with what to say once they have reached the dispatch center.

To help educate children to effectively contact emergency services, the 9-1-1 for Kids program was founded to teach children how to save lives by properly using this service. Through the program, children learn when to call 9-1-1, how to place the call and what to say in the event of a police, fire or medical emergency. As a result, these children will be able to assist in emergency situations.

This year, *9-1-1 for Kids Week* was observed across the country from February 5-9, with NFL star Tim Brown serving as the national chairman and recording artist Jessica Simpson acting as its spokeswoman.

In Hawai'i, Athletes & Entertainers for Kids will coordinate the 9-1-1 for Kids program, concluding with their inaugural Hawai'i Local 9-1-1 for Kids Heroes Awards Ceremony and Press Conference. This will recognize the heroic acts by Hawai'i children during an emergency and the outstanding work of emergency dispatchers. The ceremony will be held on February 9 at the Yard House Restaurant.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim **February 9, 2007**, as

HAWAI'I STATE 9-1-1 HEROES DAY

in Hawai'i, and encourage all of our citizens to teach our children how to properly use 9-1-1 emergency services.

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