



Proclamation

A healthy blood supply is an important resource needed in every community, as blood is required for medical operations ranging from planned bone marrow and organ transplants to emergency surgeries.

Hawai'i's geographic isolation and diverse population present additional challenges to local blood collection. To meet the state's current needs, 200 donors are needed every day, yet only 2 percent of the eligible population donates blood.

The Blood Bank of Hawai'i is a nonprofit organization that addresses these challenges and has provided blood to hospitals throughout the state since 1941. Last year, it collected more than 58,000 pints from over 26,000 donors.

Each January, the Blood Bank of Hawai'i joins other blood centers across the United States in celebrating *National Blood Donor Month* to encourage healthy citizens to make a donation, which can help save up to three lives.

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

BLOOD DONOR RECOGNITION MONTH

in Hawai'i, and encourage our healthy citizens to help save the lives of others by donating blood.

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

Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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