



Proclamation

Talented, intelligent and beautiful, recently-crowned *Miss Hawai'i 2007* Ashley Layfield will serve as the Official Honorary Hostess for our State, while using her position to advocate for the importance of performing arts in a well-rounded education.

Raised in Kāneʻohe, Ashley graduated from James B. Castle High School and received the Castle High School Performing Arts Scholarship. Now a full-time student at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Ashley has continued to excel in the classroom as she pursues Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees in American Studies and Art, joining the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and being named to the Dean's List from 2004 through 2006.

Ashley has shined in the performing arts, especially dance, which has been an important influence in her life. She has served as a dance instructor for Heartbeat, a seven-week dance program for the intellectually-challenged, as well as for 24-VII Danceforce, a program for dancers ages 2 and older. Ashley was a valuable member of the UH Rainbow Warrior Dancers, choreographed a recent production of *Oklahoma* at the Palikū Theatre and performed the role of Cassandra in the first-ever community theatre production of *Cats*, at the Army Community Theatre. Moreover, as an aspiring graphics designer, Ashley designed the logos for the Hawai'i Bonsai Cultural Center and the local television program *Destination: Groove Dance Hawai'i*.

On June 15 of this year, Ashley Layfield was crowned *Miss Hawai'i 2007*, and she will proudly represent our islands in the 2008 Miss America Pageant next year. As *Miss Hawai'i*, Ashley plans on promoting a well-rounded education that incorporates performing arts, such as drama, music and dance, in hopes of inspiring students to explore their creativity and realize their potential.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **July 5, 2007**, as

ASHLEY LAYFIELD DAY

in Hawai'i, and congratulate this exceptional young woman for her outstanding accomplishments, and wish her much success as she promotes performing arts in our state.

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

Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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