



Proclamation

The State of Hawai'i is blessed with a spectacular environment and an abundance of natural resources, which is accompanied by a responsibility to properly manage them to ensure they will be enjoyed by generations to come.

Beginning this year, the State of Hawai'i will observe *Conservation Week* during the last week of July in order to promote effective, long-term management of Hawai'i's natural resources through collaborative meetings, training and outreach among land managers, scientists, educators and the general public.

The primary focuses of the week will be to:

- Engage Hawai'i's conservation leadership and people in understanding issues of statewide significance and focus on solving the highest priority problems;
- Celebrate progress towards the effective management of Hawai'i's native ecosystems;
- Support the restoration of rare and endangered species and their habitats;
- Promote the support of high-priority management-oriented conservation research;
- Strengthen the skills of conservation professionals;
- Increase public awareness and involvement in conserving and managing Hawai'i's natural environment.

To accomplish these goals, *Conservation Week* will include such activities as the annual Hawai'i Conservation Conference and its symposia, forums, workshops, fieldtrips, "My Hawai'i" Nature Writers Workshop, Hawai'i Conservation Film Festival, Conservation through Art Exhibition and the annual Conservation Public Seminar.

Conservation Week and the Hawai'i Conservation Conference are sponsored by the Hawai'i Conservation Alliance (HCA), a partnership of 15 government, education and nonprofit organizations, devoted to environmental conservation efforts in the Hawaiian Islands.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR., Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **July 22 through 28, 2007**, as

CONSERVATION WEEK

in Hawai'i, and encourage our citizens to explore ways in which they can help preserve our natural resources.

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

Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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