



# Proclamation

Having overcome a troubled youth, Keanalu Chartrand has made many positive changes and become a fine young man who makes significant contributions to his community and serves as an exceptional role model for youth throughout our state.

Born and raised in Hilo, Nalu has already overcome much adversity in his life, which included a year in the Hawai'i Youth Correctional Facility (HYCF). His stay in HYCF proved to be a turning point for Nalu, who came to realize his need to work hard to build a better life after his release.

Since that time, Nalu has turned his life around and is now heading in a positive direction. Currently attending classes at Hawai'i Community College, Nalu hopes to complete his bachelor's and master's degrees in psychology before pursuing a doctorate in this field in order to provide counseling services to local youth. He also aspires to obtain a certification in substance abuse counseling.

Moreover, Nalu has displayed a passion for assisting those in need, especially at-risk youth. Nalu currently works two jobs, both of which involve helping others. He is a youth/peer counselor at Ke Ala Pono Recovery Center, a substance abuse treatment facility, as well as a personal assistant support specialist at Goodwill Industries, a social service agency. He has also made significant contributions to improving job-readiness skills and resources for at-risk youth on the Big Island through his service on the Youth Empowerment Project, which he chaired, and the Workforce Investment Board Youth Council.

This year, Keanalu Chartrand was honored for his outstanding work by receiving Hawai'i's *Spirit of Youth Award*, presented by the Youth Committee of the Juvenile Justice State Advisory Council to a young adult who has overcome personal obstacles and gone on to make significant contributions to their community. On June 11, Nalu received the national *Spirit of Youth Award* from the Coalition for Juvenile Justice at a ceremony held in Washington, D.C.

**THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.,** Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim his birth date, **December 26, 2007**, as

## **KEANALU CHARTRAND DAY**

in Hawai'i, and congratulate this exceptional young man for his outstanding accomplishments, and extend our best wishes for continued success in the future.

**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