



# *Proclamation*

The people of Hawai‘i join their fellow Americans in mourning the passing of Claudia “Lady Bird” Alta Taylor Johnson, former First Lady and widow of United States President Lyndon Baines Johnson, who passed away peacefully at her home in Austin, Texas on July 11, 2007. She is survived by her daughters Lynda Bird Robb and Luci Baines Turpin, as well as seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Lady Bird Johnson served her country well. She stood strongly with her husband as he became President of a nation in healing, following the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Moreover, Lady Bird was steadfast in her advocacy for the beautification our nation, founding an initiative to improve the appearance of Washington, D.C., and promoting the Highway Beautification Act, which limits billboards and encourages scenic enhancement along interstate highways.

Lady Bird graced our state with her presence several times, both during and after her time in the Oval Office. In 1961, she attended the groundbreaking of the East-West Center in Mānoa with her husband, then Vice President, who had been instrumental in securing its funding. Five years later, she returned as First Lady and received an award from the Center honoring her national beautification program.

With the passing of Lady Bird Johnson, America has lost a strong and gracious leader. She was a great American and will surely be missed.

**THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE**, Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, do hereby order the lowering of the Hawai‘i state flag to half-staff on all state and county buildings in conjunction with the United States flag from sunrise to sunset on the day of her interment, Sunday, July 15, 2007, and encourage our residents and visitors to offer their condolences to the Johnson family.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, this thirteenth day of July 2007.

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Linda Lingle  
Governor, State of Hawai‘i