



# Proclamation

Homeownership is an important component of the American Dream for our citizens. It strengthens families, stabilizes neighborhoods, builds communities, promotes self-sufficiency and fosters economic prosperity for individuals and our state.

The mission of Habitat for Humanity International is to eliminate homelessness and substandard housing by building quality affordable housing. For 30 years, Habitat for Humanity International has worked with low-income partner families and community volunteers to build more than 225,000 homes. This global organization operates locally through Hawai'i Habitat for Humanity and seven home building affiliates on the islands of Kaua'i, O'ahu, Moloka'i, Maui and Hawai'i.

Habitat for Humanity is an exemplary model of an effective faith-based initiative. During the past 20 years, Habitat in Hawai'i has built more than 200 homes, and at any given time, Habitat families and volunteers are working on 20 to 30 homes across our state.

This year marks the beginning of a 5-year plan during which Hawai'i Habitat for Humanity aims to complete 200 homes statewide. On Saturday, June 16, Hawai'i Habitat for Humanity and Habitat's seven affiliates will sponsor the fourth annual *Build-a-Thon* across our islands to kick off this initiative. As part of the *Build-a-Thon*, more than 800 volunteers will work on 30 homes, and the organization hopes to raise more than \$300,000 in order to enable it to continue its important work of building more homes.

**THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.,** Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **June 16, 2007**, as

## **HAWAI'I HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD-A-THON DAY**

in Hawai'i, and strongly encourage our citizens to support Habitat for Humanity's efforts on this day and throughout the year.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this seventh day of June 2007.

Linda Lingle  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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