



Proclamation

Representative Peter A. Aduja was a model citizen who served the people of Hawai'i throughout his life, and was a pioneer for Americans of Filipino Ancestry throughout the United States.

Born in the barrio of Salindig, Vigon, Illocos Sur in the Philippines, Representative Aduja emigrated to Hawai'i with his parents when he was seven years old. After graduating from Hilo High School and the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Representative Aduja served our nation honorably during World War II with the U.S. Army's 1st Filipino Infantry Regiment, which participated in the Philippine liberation campaign.

After the war, Representative Aduja served the people of Hawai'i in the Territorial government and all three branches of the State government, and notably became the first American of Filipino Ancestry in the United States to be elected to public office. He represented Hilo in the Territorial House of Representatives for a two-year term from 1954 to 1956, and later served in the State House of Representatives from 1966 to 1974. Between these tenures, Representative Aduja served as a Deputy Attorney General and a District Court Magistrate, and he was also a Delegate at the Hawai'i Constitutional Convention of 1968.

Beyond his distinguished public service, Representative Aduja also gave back to his community through volunteering his time and energy to more than 30 organizations. Representative Aduja was heavily involved with the Boy Scouts of America, earning the honorable rank of Eagle Scout, and he was also committed to the Salvation Army, serving on the Boards of its Hilo Girls Home and Honolulu Adult Rehabilitation Center. He received many community service awards from organizations including Big Brothers of Hawai'i, the Chamber of Commerce of Hawai'i and the International Biographical Centre.

Above all, Representative Peter A. Aduja was a loving husband, father and grandfather who will be remembered for his devotion to his family and service to our state.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i do hereby proclaim **March 29, 2007**, as

PETER A. ADUJA DAY

in Hawai'i, and do hereby order the lowering of the Hawai'i State flag to half-staff on all state and county buildings from sunrise to sunset in honor and memory of this outstanding citizen.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this nineteenth day of March 20067.

Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i