



Proclamation

Lillian “Linda” Leialoha Keawe‘ehu Dela Cruz made a significant impact on the State of Hawai‘i, both as a talented entertainer and as a passionate public servant.

Known affectionately as “Hawai‘i’s Canary,” Linda possessed a unique and extraordinary vocal style which propelled her to a successful music career. Linda began her musical journey as a member of the Halekulani Girls, and mastered the ha‘i style of falsetto singing. In 2003, the Hawai‘i Academy of Recording Arts recognized and honored her many contributions to the state’s music industry by presenting her with a Nā Hōkū Hanohano *Lifetime Achievement Award*.

Beyond her distinguished music career, Linda sought to serve others and became active in the Native Hawaiian community. With her late husband John, Linda moved her family to homestead land in Pana‘ewa, where she became involved in several community organizations, serving as past president of the Pana‘ewa Farmers Association, Pana‘ewa Hawaiian Homes Community Association and Keaukaha-Pana‘ewa Community Association. She also owned and operated a hula school.

Linda was elected to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs’ Board of Trustees in 2000. She was known for her strong advocacy for Native Hawaiian programs, and her fellow trustees praise her passion for uplifting the Hawaiian people. In 2004, she was re-elected to her Hawai‘i Island seat, and served in this capacity for the remainder of her life.

Above all, Linda Dela Cruz was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, who will be remembered for her devotion to her community.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai‘i do hereby proclaim **March 30, 2007**, as

LILLIAN “LINDA” L. K. DELA CRUZ 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 twenty-seventh day of March 2007.

Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai‘i