



Proclamation

For more than a century, the American Red Cross has been at the forefront of helping Americans prevent, prepare for and respond to disasters, both large and small. The organization, its volunteers and donors also provide valuable tools and education to individuals, families, workplaces and schools, making communities across the nation stronger and more resilient.

On both the national and local levels, the Red Cross relies on its volunteers to give of their time, energy and money to enable the organization to respond to emergencies and train people with valuable lifesaving skills.

In Hawai'i, the Red Cross operates eight offices with more than 3,000 volunteers. Each year, the Red Cross trains nearly 36,000 Hawai'i residents in CPR, first aid and aquatics. These compassionate volunteers freely contribute their time and talents to help prevent and mitigate emergencies in our communities.

Last year, the Red Cross in Hawai'i responded to 108 local emergencies, assisting 582 families, providing over 6,300 meals to victims and emergency workers, and arranging shelter for 176 people. Additionally, over 4,500 members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families located in Hawai'i were provided with pre-deployment information on how to use Red Cross services. Also in 2006, the Red Cross assisted 1,236 military families with emergency communication.

Each year, our President designates March as *American Red Cross Month* to formally recognize the American Red Cross' important role in our communities. This year, the month's national focus will be on the spirit of the volunteers, donors, partners and employees who support the Red Cross mission of humanitarianism.

During March 2 and 3, the Hawai'i State Chapter of the American Red Cross will host a "Hat's Off" campaign to salute and fundraise for the Red Cross, beginning in Honolulu with a kickoff event in Tamarind Park that will feature food booths, displays, information on disaster preparation and response, health and safety training along with volunteer opportunities.

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

AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

in Hawai'i, and thank all of the dedicated Red Cross volunteers for selflessly serving our citizens.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-eighth day of February 2007.

Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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