



Proclamation

While there are many options for the long-term care of our elderly citizens, living with family is an effective arrangement and the most prevalent in the State of Hawai'i. Long-term care is becoming increasingly important as Hawai'i's population ages. The State Department of Health's Executive Office on Aging estimates that by 2020, more than 25 percent of Hawai'i's population will be 60 years or older.

Currently, more than 21 percent of Hawai'i's adult population cares for an individual older than the age of 60, and nearly 30 percent of those cases are adults caring for a parent. These patterns are similar across different demographic groups, as well as among men and women.

Family caregivers make significant sacrifices for their loved ones. Nearly two-thirds of Hawai'i's caregivers are employed, which often requires them to arrive late, leave early, take leaves of absence, switch jobs, change from full-time to part-time employment or give up working altogether. Many of these adjustments have financial consequences for the caregivers and their families.

The Hawai'i Caregiver Coalition, a network of more than 40 organizations throughout the State of Hawai'i, seeks to improve the quality of life of those who give and receive long-term care. On March 21, the Coalition will sponsor *Family Caregiver Day* at the State Capitol, in conjunction with *Family Caregiver Week*, to showcase the important work and needs of family caregivers throughout the state.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR., Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **March 21, 2007**, as

FAMILY CAREGIVER DAY

in Hawai'i, and thank family caregivers in our state for their important service to our kupuna.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twentieth day of March 2007.

Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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