



Proclamation

Throughout history, women of all ethnic and social backgrounds have contributed tremendously to the growth and progress of the United States.

American women have played and continue to play critical roles in every aspect of the life of our nation and state. Women represent a significant portion of the labor force, working both inside and outside of their homes, as well as the majority of our nation's volunteers.

Women have been catalysts for promoting social justice, and have served as strong leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in every major progressive social movement, including the Abolitionist, industrial labor and Civil Rights movements.

In 1987, Congress enacted a law to formally designate every March as *Women's History Month*. This year, Americans across the country will celebrate *Generations of Women Moving History Forward*. The theme commemorates the courage, determination and steadfastness women have had in promoting social change.

Locally, the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women celebrates the establishment of the Hawai'i Women's Oral History Collection, which will document the stories of Hawai'i's women in their own voices. The Commission also commemorates the 35th anniversary of Title IX and honors Dr. Donnis Thompson for her significant role in the creation and development of the University of Hawai'i's Women's Athletic Program.

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

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

in Hawai'i, and encourage our citizens to join the rest of the nation in celebrating the significant accomplishments and contributions women have made to the State of Hawai'i and our country.

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

Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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