



# Proclamation

The beautiful coastal beaches and bays of our islands are a world-renowned recreational resource that draws residents and visitors by the millions to enjoy the crystal blue water and various exciting beach activities.

While our beaches provide many leisure opportunities for the people of Hawai'i, the magnificent aquatic environment has inherent potential dangers that can be effectively managed through public awareness and the vigilance of professional Ocean Safety Officers. For reasons of public safety, an annual reminder of the joys and hazards associated with our oceans and beaches is important at the commencement of the busy summer beach season.

The people of Hawai'i are indebted to our Ocean Safety professionals, representing the counties of Hawai'i, Kaua'i, Maui and Honolulu. These dedicated and courageous men and women work tirelessly to protect us, and their extensive training and physical conditioning are the difference for any beachgoer unaware and caught in hazardous beach conditions. On O'ahu alone in 2006, City & County lifeguards watched over 13,700,000 swimmers at 19 beaches while conducting 335,631 preventions, 1,229 major medical responses and 1,300 rescues.

At the outset of the summer of 2007, the Hawaii State Lifeguard Association reminds residents and visitors to *Always Swim by a Lifeguard*, and *When In Doubt, Don't Go Out*. Additionally, individuals can check the current ocean safety conditions, via the Hawai'i Beach Hazard Rating System at [www.hawaiibeachsafety.org](http://www.hawaiibeachsafety.org) before heading to the beach.

**THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.,** Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **May 22 through 28, 2007**, as

## **HAWAI'I BEACH SAFETY WEEK**

throughout Hawai'i, and encourage all of our citizens to *Ask a Lifeguard if Its Safe to Swim* and become actively involved in the safety of our beaches, bays and oceans.

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

Linda Lingle  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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