



Proclamation

Throughout his successful life, Donald Tai Loy Ho made many significant contributions to the State of Hawai'i, touching the lives of many of our residents and serving as an ambassador of *aloha* around the world.

A graduate of Kamehameha Schools and the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Don began his singing career at Honey's, a restaurant and lounge owned by his mother. Following five years of service in the U.S. Air Force, Don took over Honey's and resumed performing. He befriended young songwriter Kui Lee, who wrote "I'll Remember You," a song that Don so memorably introduced and made his own.

Don developed a show that included a blend of music, jokes and his own special view of Hawai'i. "Tiny Bubbles" became his signature song and an international hit, which propelled Don to become a key representative of Hawai'i to the rest of the nation and world. Whether he was performing at Duke Kahanamoku's, Don Ho's Waikiki or in the Beachcomber's Hoku Hale Showroom, enthusiastic fans followed. Beyond his musical and comedic routine, Don's easygoing personality and special brand of the *aloha spirit* captivated his audiences.

Don quickly became a national and international icon and truly exemplified Hawai'i. He performed across the United States and appeared on many popular television programs, including "Batman," "I Dream of Jeannie," "Sanford and Son," "The Brady Bunch" and "The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson," among others. In 1969, Don hosted "Kraft Music Hall," and from October 1976 to March 1977, "The Don Ho Show," filmed on Waikiki Beach, brought his special style of music and *aloha* into living rooms across America.

Behind the scenes, Don was a generous man with a big heart. He offered financial assistance and provided opportunities in the spotlight to numerous young local artists in order to help launch their careers. Throughout his tremendous success, he remained a humble local boy, often amazed at the crowds who not only came to see him perform, but who stood in line for a kiss or an autograph. He never lost his appreciation for his fans, whether they joined him in singing along while part of his audience or wrote to him from across the globe.

Above all, Don Ho was a loving husband, father and grandfather, who will be remembered for his devotion to his family and friends, contributions to the entertainment industry and promotion of Hawai'i around the world.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 5, 2007 as

DON HO 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 April 2007.

Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i