

Proclamation

It is important to keep residents and visitors safe while traveling on our roadways. Last year, 161 lives were tragically lost in motor vehicle crashes in the State of Hawai'i – a 15 percent increase from 2005. While many factors are involved in an accident, the Hawai'i Department of Transportation's (DOT) *Click It or Ticket* and *D2* programs address two major factors involved in traffic fatalities and aim to save lives by improving highway safety.

The *Click It or Ticket* seat belt and child safety seat promotional campaign will increase public awareness of laws mandating the use of these safety devices. National studies have shown that seatbelts are the most effective protective measure in the event of an accident, and proper use can significantly increase the chances of a motorist surviving a crash. In the State of Hawai'i, every front seat occupant is required to buckle up, as well as back seat passengers under the age of 18. Also, as of January 1, 2007, all children between the ages of 4 and 7 years must ride in a booster seat whenever traveling in a motor vehicle.

The *D2* or *Designated Driver* summer campaign aims to curb drunk driving and other alcohol-related accidents by encouraging the use of "designated drivers." Throughout the summer, participating radio stations, nightclubs, bars and other establishments will offer incentives such as complimentary non-alcoholic beverages to designated drivers.

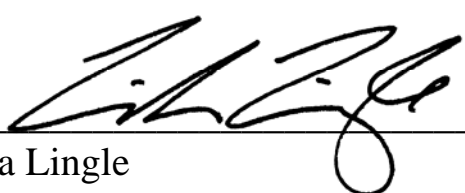
Last year, these programs helped make Hawai'i one of the nation's leaders in seatbelt usage and lowered the number of alcohol-related deaths during the summer months. As a result of their great success, both programs will be launched again this May.

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

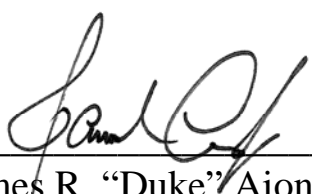
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in Hawai'i, and extend our appreciation to the Hawai'i Department of Transportation, the four county police departments and our safety partners for their outstanding efforts to increase traffic safety education and promote a safer environment along our state's roads.

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



Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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