



Proclamation

Throughout American history, brave men and women have willingly answered the call to defend our nation and protect our liberty. The actions of our servicemen and women have changed the course of history, touched lives and spread freedom and democracy to nations around the world. As we celebrate *Military Appreciation Month* this May and honor the fallen on *Memorial Day*, it is also important to express our deep appreciation to all of our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, Reservists and National Guardsmen, who serve our nation proudly in Hawai'i and across the globe.

Currently, thousands of our courageous soldiers, both from Hawai'i and throughout the United States, are serving far away from home as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. Their valiant efforts are making an important impact as these nations continue to develop and strengthen their states, and we all continue to keep them in our thoughts and prayers, hoping for their quick and safe return.

We are also truly grateful to our military spouses and dependents, who support their loved ones admirably at home. They too make tremendous sacrifices for our nation, and provide love, inspiration and hope for our soldiers, enabling them to continue serving us all overseas.

The people of Hawai'i are deeply indebted to the men and women serving us around the world as members of the United States Armed Forces, and we remain vigilant in our steadfast support of these patriots.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR., Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **May 27, 2007**, as

HONORING OUR SOLDIERS DAY

in Hawai'i, and strongly encourage our citizens to express their appreciation to our brave soldiers, both on this day and throughout the year.

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

Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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