

Proclamation

Throughout our nation's history, brave men and women have willingly answered the call to defend our land 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. We are deeply indebted to all of our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, Reservists and National Guardsmen, especially those who have courageously sacrificed their lives in the line of duty.

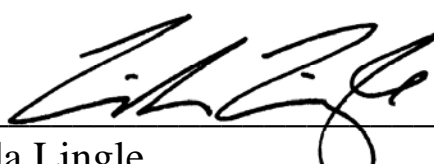
As a nation, we set aside the final Monday of each May as *Memorial Day* in order to remember and honor these loyal patriots, who have made the ultimate sacrifice for all of our benefit. Out of deep respect and gratitude, we mourn their passing and honor their memory by reflecting on their noble sacrifice and celebrating the freedom we enjoy today due to their valiant efforts.

We also express our appreciation and thanks to the men and women currently serving our nation in the armed forces, as well as their families and all who support them, and keep them in our thoughts and prayers as they continue to put themselves in harm's way. We are all grateful for their continued service, and hope for their quick and safe return.

Each year since 1950, the President of the United States has issued a proclamation calling on all Americans to observe each Memorial Day as a day of prayer for permanent peace, designating an hour during the morning when the people of the United States might unite in prayer. By law, Congress has also designated a minute in the afternoon as a National Moment of Remembrance for all Americans to observe on this solemn day.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby order the Hawai'i State flag to be displayed at half-staff on all state and county buildings in conjunction with the United States flag from sunrise to noon on Memorial Day, May 28, in deep respect for our patriots who have given their lives in support of this great nation. I also strongly encourage all of our citizens to join their fellow Americans in prayer during the hour of 11:00 a.m., as designated by the President, as well as observe the National Moment of Remembrance beginning at 3:00 p.m. HST.

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