



Proclamation

Oncology nurses play an important role in our society by helping cancer patients maintain and improve their health and quality of life. These professionals are committed to providing quality care in patient treatment, teaching, research, administration and education.

Representing more than 33,000 registered nurses and healthcare providers in more than 220 chapters, the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) is the largest professional oncology association in the world. ONS seeks to promote excellence in its profession and serves as a national leader in cancer care.

ONS accomplishes these goals by providing members with comprehensive training through the ONS Center for Education and other valuable resources produced by the ONS Publishing Division. Additionally, the Society's award-winning website offers the latest news, clinical practices, research information, career services and online educational opportunities.

Locally, the ONS Hawai'i (O'ahu) Chapter carries on the national organization's mission. Collaborating with other healthcare provider organizations, members advocate on behalf of the nursing profession and quality cancer care. Moreover, the Hawai'i Chapter strengthens cancer treatment in our state by recruiting additional oncology nurses and training them through inclusive mentorship and leadership programs.

Each year, the ONS designates May as *Oncology Nursing Month* in order to recognize and honor oncology nurses, showcase their significant accomplishments and increase public awareness of the importance of their services.

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

ONCOLOGY NURSING MONTH

in Hawai'i, and thank these nurses for their selfless dedication to our patients and for their important contributions to our healthcare system.

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

Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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