



Proclamation

Public employees, working at the federal, state and municipal levels, make a significant impact in our islands by improving the quality of life for all of Hawai'i's citizens. These dedicated workers teach our children; care for the ill and needy; assist the homeless and unemployed; promote a strong and diversified economy; protect consumers; preserve our natural and cultural resources; build sustainable communities; safeguard our neighborhoods; uphold the rule of law; maintain our roadways, harbors and airports; plan for and respond to emergencies; and, provide numerous other valuable government services to the public.

As Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, we are proud to be two of the thousands of public employees who serve the people of Hawai'i. The many valuable contributions made by public employees strengthen our belief that public service is a noble calling, and that their professionalism and expertise have helped build a strong foundation for our government, as well as our way of life.

Each May, communities across the nation join the Public Employees Roundtable at the Council for Excellence in Government in celebrating *Public Service Recognition Week*, as well as the National Association of State Personnel Executives in observing *State Employee Recognition Day*, in order to express their appreciation to all public employees for their many important contributions to our daily lives.

Hawai'i celebrates *Pride in Public Service Month* each May for the same purpose. This month provides agencies the opportunity to identify and honor the important contributions that the federal, state and county public employees continue to make in our islands, working to ensure that our government and communities remain among the best in the world.

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

PRIDE IN PUBLIC SERVICE MONTH

in Hawai'i, and thank our dedicated public servants for their energy, diligence and steadfast commitment to our citizens.

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

Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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