

Message from Governor Linda Lingle

and

Lt. Governor James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.

on the occasion of

THANKSGIVING

NOVEMBER 22, 2007

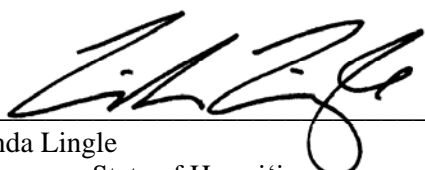
Thanksgiving in Hawai'i is celebrated in many different ways – a picnic with your 'ohana on the beach, a traditional feast around the dinner table, preparing kalua turkey in a backyard imu or watching football. Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on our countless blessings and celebrate the many opportunities that come from living in a country of freedom and prosperity. And as always, we give thanks for the love of family and friends.

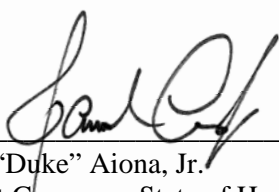
We appreciate that as part of our holiday tradition, hundreds of caring Hawai'i residents will volunteer their time to serve meals and reach out to those who are less fortunate. These selfless individuals represent the countless Hawai'i residents who generously lend a helping hand and strengthen our communities throughout the year.

In Hawai'i, we are especially blessed to be surrounded by the stunning beauty of the islands, a diverse culture that welcomes family and friends from near and far, and the unmistakable aloha spirit that ties each of us to this special place we call home. Each one of us has the ability and aloha in our hearts to make Hawai'i a better place by answering the universal call to love and respect our neighbors in the same manner as our own family and friends.

We are truly thankful for the compassion and respect we share with our neighbors in a blessed community where we are empowered to help those around us with the greatest needs.

Aloha,


Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i


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