



Proclamation

Arts and humanities enrich the lives of the people of Hawai'i by promoting economic growth, creativity, education, community livability, social problem-solving and job creation.

More than 1,400 arts and cultural organizations in Hawai'i contribute programming and services to our islands, thereby strengthening our social fabric and sense of individualism and providing us with a renewed sense of community. The Hawai'i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts celebrates more than 40 years as our state arts agency. Through its many programs, the foundation encourages, perpetuates and preserves the arts, culture, history and the humanities which are central to our quality of life.

Consistently ranking first in the nation for its support of the arts in terms of per capita state funds dedicated to this purpose, Hawai'i was also the first state to enact a law setting aside one percent of construction appropriations for new state buildings to provide works of art. This measure became a model for other states and resulted in a State Art Collection of more than 5,000 works.

By offering a permanent collection, changing exhibition program and arts education activities for schools and communities, The Hawai'i State Art Museum makes the arts widely accessible to a broad range of individuals. The establishment of the Hawai'i Capital Cultural District significantly encourages the growth and development of the arts for residents and visitors.

Designated as National Arts and Humanities Month, we celebrate and join with the nation's 23,000 cultural organizations, the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the nation's 3,800 local arts agencies, the arts and humanities councils of the 50 states and U.S. jurisdictions, and the President of the United States in recognizing the importance of arts and humanities.

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

ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH

in the Aloha State, and encourage our residents and visitors to observe this occasion by celebrating the cultural riches our community has to offer.

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

Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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