



# Proclamation

As parents and caregivers, we have no greater responsibility than ensuring the safety, health and well-being of our children.

Consequently, adults continue to serve as primary role models and guides during these formative years by being actively involved in the lives of adolescents. By helping our keiki to develop healthy bodies and minds, we ensure a successful future for all citizens.

Children between the ages of 10 and 15 undergo some of the most significant physical, mental, social, moral and emotional changes of their lives. This stage in our children's lives needs to be better understood and the importance and bearing on further development should be appropriately recognized so that every child has the opportunity to pursue his or her dreams and aspirations.

In an effort to further increase awareness of this important issue, the Hawai'i Association of Middle Schools designated October for an awareness campaign.

**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

## **MONTH OF THE YOUNG ADOLESCENT**

in Hawai'i, and encourage educators, parents, caregivers and mentors to assist and help our youth become productive members of society.

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

Linda Lingle  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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