



# Proclamation

On Constitution and Citizenship Days and during Constitution Week, Hawai'i residents celebrate the 220th anniversary of the United States Constitution by honoring the Framers who created the landmark document still guiding our nation. More than two hundred years ago, delegates gathered to create "*a more perfect Union*" and craft the document that provides the foundation of our country by balancing authority and inherent freedoms, Federal interests and State powers, individual rights and national unity. On September 17, 1787, delegates signed the Constitution of the United States.

Today, all Americans have shared in this legacy of liberty, and we are grateful for the courage, conviction, and sacrifice of those who helped preserve and uphold the principles of a free society. As we remember the importance of the Constitution, we recognize citizen's responsibility respecting and defending the values of the founding of the United States.

In celebration of the signing of the Constitution and in recognition of Americans upholding the duties and responsibilities of citizenship, the United States Congress, by joint resolution of February 29, 1952, (36 U.S.C. 106, as amended), designated September 17 as "Constitution Day and Citizenship Day," and by joint resolution of August 2, 1956, (36 U.S.C. 108, as amended), request that the week beginning September 17 and ending September 23 of each year as "Constitution Week."

**THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR., Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim September 17, 2007, as**

## CITIZENSHIP DAY

and hereby proclaim **September 17 through 23, 2007, as**

## CONSTITUTION WEEK

in Hawai'i, and urge naturalized citizens and residents born in the United States and its to respect and defend the values of the founding of the United States.

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

Linda Lingle  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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