



Proclamation

In Hawai'i, more than 3,000 children go missing annually, leading to heartache for parents and law enforcement alike. While many keiki are safely returned home, many more children remain missing. By creating expanded awareness of this plight and fostering partnerships between law enforcement, governmental agencies, local businesses and nonprofit organizations, we hope for the safe return of all missing children.

Families are encouraged to complete a Keiki ID Kit, allowing a child's pertinent information and current photo to be on hand. Friends of the Missing Child Center in Hawai'i and the Ifuku Foundation are both supporters of the kits and are making them available. We recognize businesses such as Wal-Mart for initiating the Code Adam Program to alert employees about children separated from their families. By encouraging parents to "Take 25" minutes every day to teach their children to be safer, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children hopes to heighten awareness of children's personal and Internet safety issues.

We honor the MAILE AMBER Alert system, designed to recover children within the first three hours of being abducted, when statistics show they are most likely to be returned unharmed. In addition, we appreciate Oceanic Time Warner Cable News on Demand Channel for running posters of missing children at no charge, since one out of six children are found as a result of people recognizing a child's photo and notifying authorities.

It is through these efforts that Hawai'i residents hope to help our missing keiki to be returned home in the quickest and safest manner possible.

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

HAWAI'I MISSING CHILDREN'S DAY

in Hawai'i, and encourage our citizens to support programs which aid our young children during this formative stage in their lives.

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