



Proclamation

Some nations still face fear, violence, prejudice, hatred and war atrocities daily.

Here in our "Aloha State," we commit to the ideals of Peace Day as established by the United Nations 25 years ago, when it proclaimed *International Day of Peace* as a day of global ceasefire and non-violence. The day is one of actively promoting the ideals of a peaceful society.

On April 18, 2007, House Bill 345 was signed into law as Act 23, establishing Peace Day in Hawai'i to promote programs, improve international relations and increase educational awareness of peace. We are proud to become the first state to actively join with the United Nations in declaring today "Peace Day Hawai'i" and encourage our residents to make a difference through peace-building measures. We are committed to relieving suffering and building bridges between people of all faiths and cultures.

We are honored to join with the Hawai'i Federation of the Junior Young Buddhist Association, the Spark Matsunaga Institute for Peace, the Domestic Violence Clearinghouse and Legal Hotline, Retail Merchants of Hawai'i, the Wahiawa Lions Club, the Hawai'i State Teachers Association, the League of Women Voters, the Pacific Buddhist Academy and countless individuals across the state who are instrumental in educating residents about peace and in working toward sharing the Aloha Spirit.

On that note, we call on people everywhere to join us in making our world safer and a more respectful place for everyone. Let us remember the victims of war. And let each of us pledge to do more, wherever we can make a difference, to bring about lasting peace throughout the world.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **September 21, 2007**, as

PEACE DAY HAWAII'I

in Hawai'i, and call on our residents to actively promote the ideals of peace and respect in all of our activities and endeavors.

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

Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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