



Proclamation

Prostate cancer is one of the most important health challenges facing men today. The second leading cause of cancer-related death among men, this disease accounts for 15 percent of our nation's male cancer fatalities each year.

The American Cancer Society estimates that there will be 218,890 new cases of prostate cancer across our nation in 2007, and that 27,050 Americans will die from the disease. Locally, it is estimated that 780 Hawai'i men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year, which will claim 130 lives in our islands.

Fortunately, with recent advancements in the medical community, the death rate for prostate cancer is declining, and it is also being detected more easily. While one in six American men will develop prostate cancer during their lifetimes, only one in 34 will die of this disease.

However, there is still no cure for prostate cancer. Like many other forms of cancer, early detection and treatment is critical to overcoming this disease. Research suggests that men can reduce the risks of this disease by following recommended cancer screening guidelines and receiving regular health checkups.

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

PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in Hawai'i, and encourage our male citizens to protect their health, as well as ask the public to support research, health screenings and education to increase awareness and help find a cure for this disease.

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

Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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