



# Proclamation

Substance abuse and chemical dependency continue to pose serious challenges for our communities, as the effects of the mental and physical illnesses inflicted by substance abuse not only affect individuals, but also families, workplaces, schools and neighborhoods, straining resources and endangering innocent lives.

Addressing this challenge can be overwhelming for any single organization or agency. Fortunately, with the help of federal, state and county governments, as well as other partners, nearly 50 community programs are meeting these needs and making a significant difference in the lives of those on the path to recovery.

Each September, the State of Hawai'i joins the rest of our nation in observing *National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month* in order to celebrate those who have overcome addictions, as well as to honor the individuals and organizations who have helped them achieve their goal and encourage others in need to seek assistance. This year, we specifically recognize and thank the many valuable recovery support programs statewide.

Our state's extensive network of treatment providers includes Addictions Rebuilders Ministry; Alano Club of Lahaina; Alcoholics Anonymous; Aloha House; Big Island Substance Abuse Council; Bobby Benson Center; Bridge House; CARE Hawai'i; Celebrate Recovery; Child and Family Service; CHAMP Clinic; Coalition for a Drug Free Hawai'i; Drug Court; Habilitat; Hale Ho'okūpa'a; Helping Hands Hawai'i; Hina Mauka; Ho'okaulike; Ho'omau Ke Ola; The Institute for Family Enrichment; Kāhi Mōhala; Ke Ala Pono; Kōkua Kalihi Valley Comprehensive Family Services; Kū Aloha Ola Mau; Lōkahi Treatment Centers; Mālama Nā Makua A Keiki; Mālama Recovery; Maui Youth and Family Services; Narcotics Anonymous; New Horizons; 'Ohana Makamae; Oxford House; Paradise Recovery; People Against Ice; Pō'ailani, Inc.; The Queens Medical Center - Day Treatment Services; The Salvation Army - Addiction Treatment Services, Family Treatment Services and Women's Way; Sand Island Treatment Center; Victory 'Ohana; Wai'anae Men in Recovery; Wai'anae Women in Recovery; and, Young Men's Christian Association.

Treatment for substance abuse has a meaningful impact on individual lives and our island community. Research shows that substance abuse can be effectively treated, similar to other chronic medical conditions. Working together, many of our residents can find the path to recovery and overcome their addictions.

**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

## **ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH**

in Hawai'i, and congratulate everyone in recovery, while recognizing the men and women who dedicate their lives to helping those with alcohol and drug use disorders overcome their addictions.

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

Linda Lingle  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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