

# Proclamation

Throughout American history, brave men and women have willingly answered the call to defend our nation and way of life. The actions of our servicemen and women have changed the course of history, touched lives and spread freedom and democracy to nations around the world.

Veterans continue to serve as a source of strength and pride for our nation long after they retire from the armed forces. As Americans, we all owe a tremendous amount of gratitude to our veterans who, in peacetime or war, have demonstrated a steadfast commitment to safeguarding the principles of democracy and freedom. Hawai'i's veterans have a long and proud tradition of serving their communities after returning to civilian life, and they comprise an integral part of our island 'ohana.

We are especially indebted to our brave veterans who were wounded in the line of duty, and who have subsequently endured hardships. These patriots live with their sacrifice as the rest of us continue to benefit from the liberty they helped protect.

Since its creation following the First World War, the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) has sought to improve the lives of all disabled veterans and their families. Nationwide, the DAV is the foremost representative of disabled veterans and their families. As a new generation of wartime disabled veterans return from service in Iraq and Afghanistan, the DAV has adapted to meet their unique needs and ensure the highest standards of care.

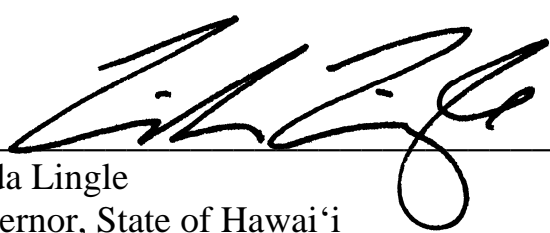
This year, the DAV, Department of Hawai'i and DAV Auxillary Hawai'i will host their 57<sup>th</sup> annual Hawai'i State Convention from June 8<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup> at the Ala Moana Hotel in Honolulu. This DAV Convention offers opportunities to renew acquaintances, discuss important issues and elect officers for the coming year.

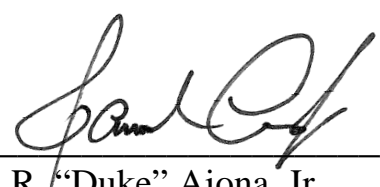
**THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.,** Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **June 8 through 14, 2008**, as

## **DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS WEEK**

in Hawai'i, and thank all DAV members for their courageous service to our nation, and tireless commitment to our disabled veterans.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fifth day of June 2008.

  
Linda Lingle  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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