



# Proclamation

Hawai'i is proud to be the final state featured in the U.S. Mint's 50 State Quarters Program. The Hawai'i quarter depicts King Kamehameha I reaching out toward the eight main Hawaiian Islands. The coin also bears the date 1959, when Hawai'i was admitted to the union, as well as the state's motto: "Ua mau ke ea o ka 'āina i ka pono," meaning "The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness." The quarter helps share a bit of Hawai'i's history with people across the nation.

Residents of the state were invited to submit designs for the quarter and over 400 were received. The Hawai'i Commemorative Quarter Advisory Commission narrowed the submissions to five candidates. The design featuring King Kamehameha was selected after winning the most votes in an online public poll, and it was subsequently approved by the Department of the Treasury on May 25, 2007.

The dramatic design highlights the contributions of King Kamehameha I, a towering figure in Hawai'i's history who unified the islands under his rule and established the Kingdom of Hawai'i in 1810.

The release of the U.S. Mint's final commemorative quarter marks the end of a 10-year series that honors each of the 50 states. The occasion of the coin's release is particularly timely, as it coincides with Hawai'i's commemoration of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of statehood.

The quarter will be available to the public starting November 10, 2008. An official launch ceremony at Bishop Square in downtown Honolulu introduces the newly minted coin.

**THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE**, Governor, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **November 10, 2008**, as

## **HAWAI'I STATE QUARTER DAY**

in Hawai'i, and proudly present this coin, which celebrates our state's rich cultural heritage.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Linda Lingle', written over a horizontal line.

Linda Lingle  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James R. Aiona, Jr.', written over a horizontal line.

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