



# Proclamation

Prayer is important for many people. Throughout history, men and women of all faiths have turned to prayer in times of joy and celebration, as well as times of grief and need. Often accompanied by meditation, prayer is a powerful force to find peace, guidance, comfort and healing, as well as to revere a Higher Power or seek forgiveness for transgressions. It is for good reason America's Founding Fathers enshrined this freedom in the First Amendment to our Constitution.

Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1952 and designated as the first Thursday of May by President Ronald Reagan, the *National Day of Prayer* is observed each year to encourage Americans of all faiths to join together in prayer, according to their own traditions.

On May 1 of this year, millions of Americans will gather for the 57<sup>th</sup> annual *National Day of Prayer*. Americans across the country will join together in places of worship and other locations to pray for wisdom and guidance, as well as the needs of our communities, nation and world.

Locally, the Hawai'i National Day of Prayer Team will host a prayer breakfast on Maui and an evening ceremony at the State Capitol. In addition, many other residents will gather in their homes or places of worship to pray.

**THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.,** Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **May 1, 2008**, as

## **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

in Hawai'i, and encourage our citizens to join together in prayer, each according to his or her own faith, for our state, nation and world.

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

Linda Lingle  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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