



# Proclamation

Sixty-seven years ago, Americans awoke on a Sunday morning to find their nation thrust into a war that would rage across the globe dead, but ultimately end in victory.

The Empire of Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor steeled America's resolve and brought out the best in our nation, even in its darkest hour.

As on that day of infamy in 1941, this year December 7 falls on a Sunday. Today is a time to pause and remember the more than 2,000 people those who lost their lives in the attack, as well as to give thanks to those fought bravely throughout the war in the Pacific.

Much has changed since that December: Hawai'i is now the 50<sup>th</sup> U.S. state, Honolulu is a thriving metropolis, and the people of Japan and the United States now share close economic, cultural and personal ties. But America still faces threats from abroad, and the men and women of America's armed forces continue to answer that call, ready to give whatever is asked of them.

As we remember the anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, we pay tribute to those who lost their lives that day and remain inspired by the selfless deeds of brave Americans who preserved our liberty and fought for justice throughout the world.

**THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE**, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **December 7, 2008**, as

## **PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY**

in Hawai'i, and order the Hawai'i State flag to be displayed at half-staff from sunrise to sunset.

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

Linda Lingle  
Governor, State of Hawai'i