



Proclamation

Future generations are counting on us to do our part to preserve precious our natural resources. As an isolated archipelago in the middle of the Pacific, Hawai'i must be self-sustaining. The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that about 80 percent of what Americans throw away is recyclable, yet the recycling rate of U.S. citizens is only 28 percent. Recycling involves processing used materials into new products to prevent waste of potentially useful materials and reduce the use of limited resources, energy usage and air and water pollution.

For the past five years, Aloha 'Āina Earth Day Recycling Community Clean-Up, a public-private partnership, has contributed a great deal to sustainability efforts in our neighborhoods by educating the public about recycling and providing opportunities for people to become involved. The proceeds from the fundraisers and community service events are donated to organizations such as schools and senior centers. Since 2004, Aloha 'Āina Earth Day Recycling Community Clean-Up has raised \$67,500, diverted waste from our land fills and recycled 1,100 tons of scrap metal.

The success of the Aloha 'Āina Earth Day Recycling Community Clean-Up relies on the participation of organizations and recyclers. Our Administration would like to recognize those who have contributed to creating a brighter future for the people of our state: Boy Scout Troop 32; Campbell High School; Farrington High School; Friends of Makiki Community Learning Center; Waialua Community Association; Hau'ula Elementary School; Hawai'i Nature Center; Hui Nalu Canoe Club; Imua Athletics; K.E.Y. Project; Kaimukī High School; Kalani High School; Kanoelani Elementary School; Kapahulu Center, Mō'ili'ili Community Center; Kapolei High School Graphics; Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club; Lā'ie Community Association; Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center; Leeward Community College; Leilehua High School; McKinley High School; Mililani High School; Moanalua High School; Nānākuli High School; Nani O Wai'anae; Pai'olu Kia'aulu; Wai'anae Maritime Academy; Pearl City High School; Radford High School; Roosevelt High School; Sylvester Foundation; Wahiawā Lions Club; Waialua Community Association; Waialua High School Foundation; Waikīkī Community Center; Waimanalo Construction Coalition; Waipahu Complex; Waipahu High School; and Windward Ahupua'a Alliance. We are pleased to join Aloha 'Āina Earth Day Recycling Community Clean-Up in celebrating its fifth milestone anniversary on the same year we commemorate Hawai'i's 50 years of statehood.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **June 15, 2009**, as

ALOHA 'ĀINA EARTH DAY RECYCLING COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

day in Hawai'i, and encourage our citizens to do their part to help save the planet through recycling and sustainability efforts to ensure a healthy environment for future generations.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fifteenth day of June 2009.

Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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