

Proclamation

As members of one of the oldest and trusted healthcare professions, pharmacists contribute a great deal to the health and well-being of our citizens. Today, there are more than 254,000 pharmacists practicing in the United States, and close 2,000 in Hawai'i, who provide services to ensure the safe and appropriate use of all medications. Pharmacists have extensive training in drug therapy and are one of the most knowledgeable healthcare professionals available in helping the public understand the use of their medication.

Pharmacists and pharmacist technicians practice in diverse settings, including community pharmacies, hospitals, long term care facilities, the pharmaceutical industry, home infusion, managed care and academia. Pharmacists are also an integral part of the government and can be found in the Department of Defense, Department of Veterans Affairs and Public Health Services.

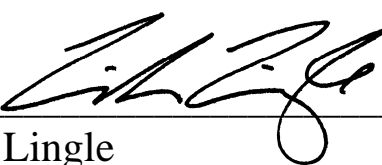
The American Pharmacists Association and the Hawai'i Pharmacists Association have collaborated to observe October as American Pharmacists Month with the theme, *Know Your Medicines – Know Your Pharmacist*. This month celebrates the dedication of pharmacists to the promotion of good health and the safe usage of medication, which benefits all the people of Hawai'i.

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

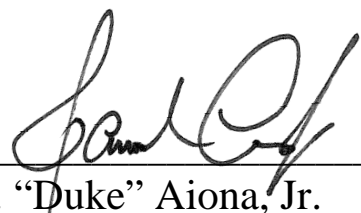
AMERICAN PHARMACISTS MONTH

in Hawai'i, urge all our residents and visitors to appreciate the commitment pharmacists and pharmacy technicians show every day.

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



Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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