

Proclamation

Bicycle commuting is an increasingly popular choice for people who value the physical exercise, as well as the time and money saved by not sitting in traffic and using gas. According to a study conducted by the San Diego Association of Governments, one out of five people who participated in their Bike to Work Day promotion went on to become regular bike commuters.

As a critical component to achieving energy independence, bicycling reduces the demand for parking lots; air and noise pollution; road wear; and energy consumption.

To coincide with Clean Air Month, the Hawai'i Bicycling League, Kanu Hawai'i, and PATH, which promotes traffic safety education and safe roadways and alternate modes of transportation, have partnered to organize Bike to Work Week. Through their combined efforts, these organizations hope to promote bicycling as a viable means of transportation to and from work.

There were many exciting events which happened throughout our state. On Monday, May 11, participants had the opportunity to ride to work with Big Island mayor Billy Kenoi. On May 12, school-related events were conducted on O'ahu, the Big Island and Kaua'i, encouraging keiki to ride their bikes to school. On the evening of May 14, Momentum MultiSport in Kaimukī hosted a free pau hana party and repair clinic, The Bike Shop featured a safety presentation and a bike doctor was available on the Big Island at Cycle Station, Bike Works and Hilo Bike Hub.


On May 15, Hawai'i Pedal Power is holding a celebration at Tamarind Park in downtown Honolulu, chronicling the victories of the cycling movement achieved in the past year and featuring special appearances by elected officials. In addition, the Advocate of the Year will be announced and awarded. Also on May 15, a commuter convoy conducted by cyclist Laurel Brier will travel from the Kapa'a Beach Park to Līhu'e on Kaua'i. On Saturday, May 16, everyone who rides their bicycle to the Honolulu Zoo will get in free, and there will be free valet bike parking and prize drawings. For those who are interested in developing their bicycling handling on the road, the Hawai'i Bicycling League will offer an intensive, nine-hour course entitled Traffic Skills 101. Finally, on Sunday, May 17, the Hawai'i Bicycling League keiki rodeo will give families the opportunity to ride together safely and meet other families who enjoy bicycling.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of Hawai'i, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim **May 11 – 15 2009**, as

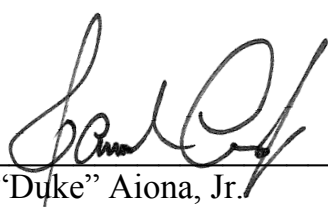
BIKE TO WORK WEEK

in Hawai'i, and encourage our citizens to consider riding a bike to work for good health and to help save Hawai'i's precious environment.

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



Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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