

# Proclamation

The people of Hawai'i mourn the sudden loss of Duke Bainum, Honolulu city councilmember and former state representative, who passed away on June 9, 2009 at the age of 56.

Councilmember Bainum devoted his life and career to helping others. After graduating from the University of Maryland School of Medicine in 1980, he completed his surgical residency in Hawai'i. In 1984, he traveled to Nepal, where he volunteered as the only doctor in a 36-bed hospital. For four months, Bainum faced many challenges, including a lack of resources and poor living conditions. He felt that even though he could treat and help patients as a physician, in order to truly improve the quality of life for the people of a community, governmental involvement would be necessary.

After returning to Hawai'i, he joined Senator Bertrand Kobayashi's staff, and from 1989–1990, he served as chair of the McCully-Mo'ili'ili Neighborhood Board. In 1990, he was elected to the state House of Representatives, where he served four years. From 1995–2003, he was a member of the Honolulu City Council, where he served two terms, or eight years, and was appointed chairman of the Budget, Customer Service, Health and Safety, Policy, Public Works, Transportation and Zoning committees. In 2008, Bainum rejoined the city council when he was elected to represent District 5, which includes a portion of Kapahulu and Kaimukī, Palolo Valley, St. Louis Heights, Mānoa, Mo'ili'ili, Kaka'ako and a portion of Ala Moana and Makiki.

Throughout his career, Councilman Bainum remained active in the community. A member of the medical staff of the Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women and Children's Sex Abuse Treatment Center since 1987, he also volunteered his medical services to the Aloha Medical Mission, the Chinatown Flu Shot program and the victims of hurricanes Iniki and Andrew.

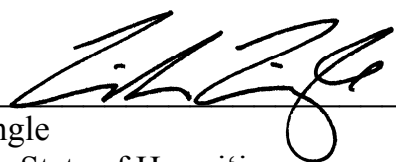
Hawai'i is a richer place because of dedicated public servants like Duke Bainum, who was committed to strengthening our community and helping our residents thrive. He made a difference through his many years of public service at both the state and county levels. Councilman Bainum will be deeply missed, and our hearts and prayers go out to his wife Jennifer and two sons Z and Kona.

With deep respect and gratitude, we honor the memory of

## DUKE BAINUM

**THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE**, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby order the lowering of the Hawai'i State Flag to half-staff on all state and county buildings from sunrise to sunset on June 26, 2009, and encourage our residents and visitors to offer their condolences to the Bainum family. I further encourage the people of Hawai'i to display the Hawai'i flag at half-staff at their homes and businesses on that day.

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

  
Linda Lingle  
Governor, State of Hawai'i