

# Proclamation

Environmental education increases knowledge and awareness about the environment and the associated challenges we face as stewards of the natural world. Learning about the environment and how to take care of it develops the vital skills necessary to overcome these challenges and allows for the creation of innovative solutions for energy efficiency, air quality, water conservation and the overall health of our planet.

When schools collaborate with nature and science centers, zoos, aquariums and local parks, students are given the opportunity to receive hands-on education as well as practically apply the information they learn in the classroom.

Chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1990, the National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF) works with trusted, credible professionals to help the general public solve everyday environmental problems, and generate lasting, positive change.

Each year in April, NEEF observes National Environmental Education Week across the nation. This year's theme, *Be Water Wise!* is a response to the fact that, according to the Environmental Protection Agency Water Sense Program, the average person uses 100 gallons of water each day.

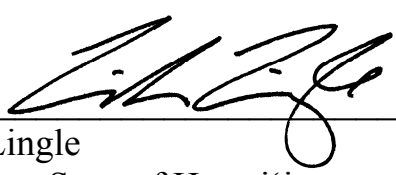
With the support of sponsor Lockheed Martin, there will be various events held throughout the islands in celebration of National Environmental Education Week, at sites including Pu'uhonua O Hōnaunau National Historical Park, National Tropical Botanical Garden and Kaloko-Honokōhau National Historical Park on the Big Island; Kalaupapa National Historical Park on Moloka'i; Haleakalā National Park, Maui Ocean Center and Hawai'i Nature Center on Maui; and the Waikīkī Aquarium and various state parks on O'ahu.

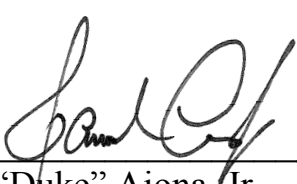
**THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April 12 - 18, 2009, as**

## **ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WEEK**

in Hawai'i, and encourage our citizens to participate in activities promoting environmental education, creating the skills necessary to make informed decisions and take responsible action.

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

  
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Linda Lingle  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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