



# Proclamation

On behalf of people of Hawai'i, our Administration joins the rest of the nation in extending our deepest sympathy to the victims of Thursday's shooting at Fort Hood, Texas. In a sense, we are all victims of this, violent act that hit some of our most beloved and respected citizens: our hard-working men and women in uniform.

In particular, we would like to reach out to Hawai'i's military community, who are cherished members of our 'ohana, and offer our condolences for the loss of their comrades in Texas. The tragic event robbed families of their loved ones and left grief, shock and confusion in its wake.

We would also like to salute the heroes who stepped up in the midst of crisis. Press reports indicate that Sgt. Kimberly Munley, a civilian police officer, took quick and decisive action that likely saved many lives, despite being wounded by gunfire. In addition, Army nutritionist Amber Bahr is said to have tended to others before she realized that she too had been shot. Both women, and the many others who helped, demonstrated an admirable devotion to duty and have our greatest admiration.

We may never know the motive for the shooting, but during this time of sorrow, we can comfort the bereaved, remember the fallen and hope for a speedy recovery for the wounded.

**THEREFORE, I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, acting governor of the State of Hawai'i, in conjunction with President Obama, do hereby order the lowering of the Hawai'i State Flag to half-staff on all state and county buildings until sunset on November 10, 2009. I also encourage our residents to display the Hawai'i State Flag at half-staff at their homes and businesses during this time.

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

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