

# Proclamation

When emergency strikes – whether it is personal strife that escalates or a national emergency – police officers are often among the first responders on the scene. We count on our men and women in blue to be protectors, negotiators, sleuths and enforcers, and above all, to stay calm when situations heat up.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation designating May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week in which it falls as National Police Week. In Hawai‘i and throughout the nation, the week will be observed with a series of events.

On May 11, members of the Honolulu Police Department, elected officials, officers’ families and members of the public will gather to remember police officers who have died in the line of duty. Following a procession, the fallen officers will be honored at a memorial service at the State Capitol.

We owe a debt of gratitude to police departments large and small for the work they do to keep citizens safe. We deeply appreciate law enforcement personnel of Hawai‘i and salute the everyday heroes who protect life and property.

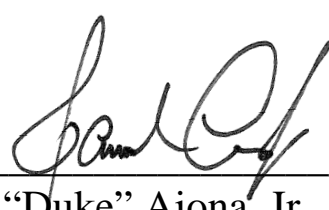
**THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE**, Governor, and **I, JAMES R. “DUKE” AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, do hereby proclaim **May 10 - 16, 2009**, as

## **POLICE WEEK**

in Hawai‘i, and recognize our dedicated police officers for their outstanding service to our citizens.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, this sixth day of May 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