

Proclamation

The family unit, both traditional and nontraditional, is the basic building block of our nation. America is a family-oriented nation, one that was settled by men and women who sought a better life for themselves and their children.

In Hawai'i, family roots are exalted in the culture and traditions. The principles of aloha and 'ohana have deep meaning for our state's residents and serve as the bedrock of our success. In our state, families are often multiracial, multicultural and multifaith — microcosms of our diverse state. These units create the foundation in which tomorrow's leaders are forged, tempered by learned values and attitudes they will carry with them for a lifetime.

In recognition of these important truths, the Lingle-Aiona Administration has appointed a 15-member Family Celebration Commission, whose duties are to develop, plan and coordinate family enrichment activities to encourage participation of the state's residents in celebrating the family.

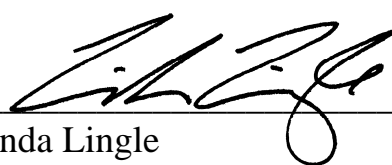
The 2009 Year of the Family Celebration will kick off at Washington Place on February 6, 2009, and continue throughout the year, with a focus on education, cultural heritage, arts and entertainment, as well as health and wellness.

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

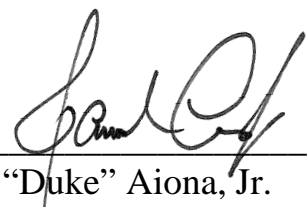
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in Hawai'i, and encourage the state's residents to reflect on the importance of the family and to work to strengthen family bonds.

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



Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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