

Proclamation

Parents, stepparents, adoptive parents and foster parents are our children's teachers, role models and nurturers. The influence of a parent on a child's life is without measure and goes beyond the boundaries of culture and time. Parents help develop a child's creativity, imagination and passion for learning.

By providing children with opportunities to build self-esteem through shared experiences and rewarding achievements, parents ensure that our young people develop into successful and responsible citizens.

Children closely model their own behavior by that of their mothers and fathers. As such, parents who lead by example are more likely to have children who understand the impact that their actions have on others.


On Parents' Day, we commemorate the patience, sacrifice and unconditional love that parents provide in shaping the character of their children, teaching important life lessons and preparing them for adulthood.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim this eighteenth day of July, 2006 as


PARENTS' DAY

in Hawai'i, and encourage parents to spend more time reading, talking and being active with their children. Today, we say "mahalo" to the parents in our state for their hard work and dedication.

Done at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this eighteenth day of July, 2006.



Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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