Proclamation

Underage drinking is a serious challenge for our state, as the harmful effects of alcohol consumption by our young people influence individual lives, their families and our community.

Most teenagers who drink obtain alcohol from social sources, such as from older friends and adults, or at parties. Therefore, addressing this challenge requires cooperation between numerous public and private entities.

With the assistance of many public officials, school systems, private agencies and the community at large, we have fortunately been able to significantly raise the level of awareness statewide, committed more of our state's resources to this problem and facilitated the development of many programs and relationships to address the issues surrounding underage drinking. While much progress has been made, there is still more work to do in this regard.

The Federal Trade Commission has developed an educational campaign, *We Don't Serve Teens* in order to provide important information to parents, teenagers and communities across the nation to help reduce teens' access to alcohol. We encourage all of our citizens to take advantage of the many valuable resources the FTC has made available for this initiative on its website: **www.DontServeTeens.gov**

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.,** Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **September 10 through 14, 2007,** as

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in Hawai'i, and strongly encourage all of our citizens to do their part in reducing the access our underage youth have to alcohol consumption.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this seventh day of September 2007.

Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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