

Proclamation

Government exists to serve the people, and it is imperative that elected officials and agencies have an accurate understanding of who they are serving. For this reason, the U.S. Constitution mandates a census be conducted every 10 years.

The results of the nationwide survey have a real impact on how government operates. The numbers are used to allocate Congressional seats and electoral votes to the states, determine the kinds of services to provide the community and how best to distribute \$300 billion in funds to local, state and tribal governments. Legally, U.S. citizens are required to participate in the Census, a process which takes less than 10 minutes and all information is kept confidential.

The first census in the United States was conducted in 1790, under the leadership of Thomas Jefferson, who was then Secretary of State. Since that time, census results have successfully tracked the rapid growth of our nation and the ever-changing composition of our citizenry.


The State of Hawai'i is committed to ensuring that its residents' interests are served through a full and accurate count of its citizens, and has formed the Hawai'i Government Complete Count Committee for this purpose.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR., Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **May 12, 2009**, as

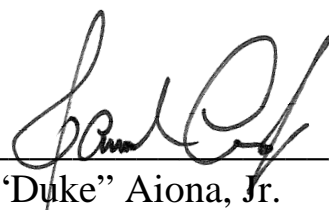
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in Hawai'i, and encourage our citizens to "stand up and be counted," and to participate in activities related to the 2010 Census.

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



Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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