

# Proclamation

On August 21, 1959 Hawai`i became the 50<sup>th</sup> state.

History shows that in 1849, King Kamehameha III made the initial attempt on behalf of the people of Hawai`i to achieve full statehood. By 1919, Territorial Delegate Prince Jonah Kūhiʻo Kalanianaʻole introduced the first of 33 bills to Congress regarding Hawai`i's statehood.

Despite repeated opposition from some of the Southern states, Delegate John Burns successfully negotiated the admission of Hawai`i as a state in 1958. The following year President Eisenhower offered statehood to Hawai`i and the voters approved the bill.

After admission, the State of Hawai`i had a voice in federal issues, access to funding for improving roadways, schools, hospitals and other infrastructure and full protection under the United States Constitution.

The citizens voted Territorial Governor William F. Quinn as the first elected governor in Hawai`i. Territorial delegates, who previously were not allowed a vote in Congress, became United States Congressmen and, for the first time, the State of Hawai`i had a vote in national affairs.

In Honolulu, the State Capitol Building was completed on March 15, 1969 and became the new home of the legislative and executive branches. The eight Hawaiian Islands, Pacific Ocean, volcanoes, palm trees, canoes and island flora are symbolized in the unique architecture.

Our State Seal, designed by Viggo Jacobsen, is a modified version of the Royal Coat of Arms of the Hawaiian Kingdom. In place of warriors, Hawai`i's coat of arms is flanked by King Kamehameha and the Goddess of Liberty, who holds the Hawaiian flag representing the joining of Hawai`i with the United States.

The state motto remained the same as during the ancient kingdom: *Ua mau ke ea o ka āina i ka pono*, which translates to, *The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness*.

The following state symbols also represent our distinctive islands:

- **State Bird:** Nene or Hawaiian Goose
- **State Flower:** Pua aloalo or Yellow Hibiscus
- **State Gem:** Black Coral
- **State Marine Mammal:** Humpback Whale
- **State Fish:** Humuhumunukunukuapua'a
- **State Tree:** Kukui

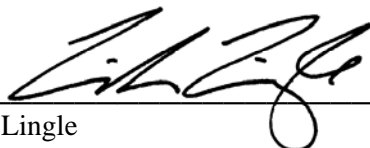
As one of the most unique and culturally diverse states, Hawai`i is proud of its many contributions to our country and is honored to be the 50<sup>th</sup> State.

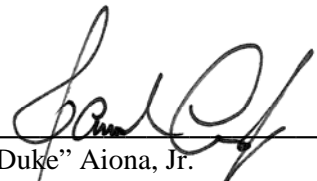
**THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE**, Governor of the State of Hawai`i, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim **August 18, 2006**, as

# STATEHOOD DAY

in Hawai`i, and call on all of our island residents to celebrate and honor this very special day.

**Done** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai`i, this fifteenth day of August 2006.

  
Linda Lingle  
Governor, State of Hawai`i

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