



Proclamation

WHEREAS, The American Occupational Therapy Association has declared the month of April 2006 as Occupational Therapy Month; and

WHEREAS, the historical roots of occupational therapy in America date back to the early twentieth century, and today, there are more than 100,000 occupational therapists practicing in the United States, including over 300 in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, in Hawai'i, occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants are instrumental in helping persons master the "skills for the job of living" after an illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, the services of occupational therapy are available to citizens of Hawai'i through hospitals, home health agencies, schools, clinics and nursing homes; and

WHEREAS, occupational therapists are especially critical in helping Hawai'i's growing senior population recover and re-learn basic skills and functions in order to return home safely and achieve greater independence; and

WHEREAS, the health and productivity of our citizens depend on the effective use of health care resources, including the dedicated services of occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR., Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim April 2006, as

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MONTH

in Hawai'i, and urge all citizens to recognize the achievements and contributions of these valued health professionals.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this sixth day of April 2006.


Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i


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