

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Day will be celebrated on October 24, 2003, throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico to increase public awareness of the benefits of these healing arts and the valuable ways they can supplement the health care available through Western medicine; and,

WHEREAS, Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine have a long and rich history as components of a comprehensive traditional medical system that has been used for thousands of years to diagnose and treat illness, prevent disease and improve well-being; and,

WHEREAS, practitioners of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine are dedicated to the highest standards of professionalism and maintain these standards through education, credentialing and personal commitment; and,

WHEREAS, millions of Americans seek the services of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine practitioners each year; and,

WHEREAS, advanced Western medicine and holistic Oriental medicine are complementary medical systems, sharing similar heritages while focusing on different aspects of medical care; and,

WHEREAS, it is vital that those in need of medical services understand the full realm of available modalities and seek competent and professional care; and,

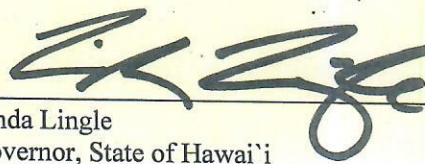
WHEREAS, on October 24, 2003, the Hawai'i Acupuncture Association joins with several graduate schools of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine in Hawai'i to offer free educational opportunities to the public,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Linda Lingle, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 24, 2003 to be

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in Hawai'i, and urge all citizens to recognize the benefits of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine.

Done at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fourteenth day of November, 2003.


Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i