



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the 2000 United States Census has documented that 82 million adults in the United States are not married and nearly half of the nation's households are headed by unmarried adults, while the United States Department of Labor reports that 40 percent of the workforce is unmarried; and

**WHEREAS**, the living arrangements of unmarried Americans are diverse, with 27 million adults living alone, nearly 10 million single parents raising their children, and 45 million adults living with adult family members or in other types of unmarried households; and

**WHEREAS**, unmarried men and women make significant contributions to society in a wide variety of ways—as productive employees, dutiful taxpayers, loving family members, good neighbors, and as dedicated volunteers in civic and charitable causes; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2000 Census reports that 47 percent of households in Hawaii are headed by unmarried or single adults; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Association for Single People (AASP) is a leading provider of information and resources for and about unmarried Americans, and works to improve the quality of life and secure a better future for this large constituency; and

**WHEREAS**, AASP is commemorating the third week in September as Unmarried and Single Americans Week;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BENJAMIN J. CAYETANO**, Governor of the State of Hawaii, do hereby proclaim September 15 through 21, 2002, to be

## UNMARRIED AND SINGLE AMERICANS WEEK

in Hawaii, and join citizens across the country in recognizing and honoring our unmarried residents.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawaii, this twenty-sixth day of June, 2002.

