



Proclamation

presented to

HENRY KALEIALOHA ALLEN

WHEREAS, Henry Kaleialoha Allen was born on June 11, 1933, in Hilo, Hawai'i, to Martha and Henry Allen, raised in Mānoa Valley, attended McKinley High School and is the husband of Sherron and father of Shannon, Lanikai, Queenie and Aaron; and,

WHEREAS, Henry Kaleialoha Allen, who entered the professional field of music at the age of 13, was deeply inspired by his great-grandfather, William Merseburgh, who was appointed by King Kamehameha III as a band leader for the King's Royal Band, now known as the Royal Hawaiian Band; and,

WHEREAS, Henry Kaleialoha Allen, because of his love for Hawai'i, traveled abroad at a young age to share the Hawaiian culture through his ukulele, Hawaiian steel guitar and jazz guitar; and,

WHEREAS, Henry Kaleialoha Allen's tours included performing with the Martin Denny Sounds of Exotica, Renee Paulo, Richard Kauhi, Don Ho, Buddy Fo and the Invitations and Jack DeMello; and,

WHEREAS, Henry Kaleialoha Allen traveled extensively for the Hawai'i Visitors Bureau to promote Hawaiian music; toured with his own shows to the Mainland, Japan, China and Korea; and produced shows at the Sheraton Maui, the Maui Surf and the Royal Lahaina Resort; and,

WHEREAS, Henry Kaleialoha Allen, throughout his music teaching career, has greatly encouraged individuals of Hawaiian ancestry to formally read and write music; and,

WHEREAS, Henry Kaleialoha Allen has authored four books on Hawaiian music and is a lifetime member of the Musicians Association of Hawai'i, Local 677; and,

WHEREAS, Henry Kaleialoha Allen has had many accolades come his way, including being recognized by the State Foundation on the Culture and the Arts and the Hawai'i Academy of Recording Arts as a master teacher, and recognized by the Honorable George Ariyoshi for his work in promoting music, travel and tourism for the State of Hawai'i; and,

WHEREAS, on April 4, 2004, Henry Kaleialoha Allen will be honored at the 2004 Hawai'i Music Awards at the Hilton Hawaiian Village for his accomplishments and contributions to the music community in Hawai'i and abroad,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April 4, 2004, to be

HENRY KALEIALOHA ALLEN DAY

in Hawai'i, and on behalf of the people of the Aloha State, extend our gratitude for his dedication to preserving the Hawaiian culture through music.

Done at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this first day of April, 2004.


Linda Lingle,
Governor, State of Hawai'i