

**WHEREAS**, through example and initiatives, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has long inspired the next generation of explorers; and

**WHEREAS**, NASA has played a landmark role in scientific and technological advancement, aiding in the development of knowledge, products and systems that help explain our physical universe, enhance our national security and well-being, and save and improve countless lives on earth; and

**WHEREAS**, Hawai'i has a long history of exploration, dating back to the great Polynesian voyages of discovery and continuing into the Space Age with world-class observatories on our mountaintops, leading-edge scientific research conducted by our universities, and a diversity of space-related contracts carried out by our businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, our highest peak, Mauna Kea, is the home of the world's preeminent collection of astronomical observatories, including the NASA Infrared Telescope, operated in collaboration with leading researchers at the University of Hawai'i; and

**WHEREAS**, Hawai'i has long provided critical tracking support to the space program through activities at the Pacific Missile Range Facility on the north shore of Kaua'i; and

**WHEREAS**, Hawai'i is proud of the achievements of its native son, Lieutenant Colonel Elision Onizuka, NASA astronaut and explorer, who in 1986 offered the nation and the space program his supreme sacrifice as a member of the Space Shuttle "Challenger" crew; and

**WHEREAS**, Charles Lacy Veach, Hawai'i's second astronaut, is remembered for his achievements in space exploration and connections between ancient Polynesian voyaging and modern space shuttle flights; and

**WHEREAS**, the Aloha State is home to the Hawai'i Space Grant Consortium, with a mission of inspiring, nurturing and training space scientists, space settlers and aerospace engineers of the future, as well as strengthening local space-related industries; and

**WHEREAS**, Hawai'i educators at the K-12 level inspire the next generation of astronauts with NASA-based hands-on learning environments, and University of Hawai'i faculty have succeeded in establishing two NASA Explorer Schools; and

**WHEREAS**, NASA's vision for the future is bold and exciting, with the "Vision for Space Exploration" setting the agency on a mission of discovery to answer questions we have asked for generations and to reap invaluable benefits to all mankind,

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE**, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim February 1, 2005, as

# **SPACE EXPLORATION DAY**

in the Aloha State, and encourage our residents to recognize NASA's significant accomplishments and the limitless potential that awaits.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-sixth day of January 2005.

  
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Linda Lingle  
Governor, State of Hawai'i