

# *Proclamation*

*In Recognition of*

## **Journey through the Universe 2017**

**WHEREAS**, the Journey through the Universe program is a national science education initiative developed by the National Center for Earth and Space Science Education that promotes science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education; and

**WHEREAS**, the Journey through the Universe program will help continue America's legacy as a leader on the science and technology frontiers, inspiring and preparing the next generation of scientists and engineers to compete in global markets in the age of high technology; and

**WHEREAS**, Hilo, Hawai'i is currently one of ten communities around the nation that are designated Journey through the Universe sites; and

**WHEREAS**, this fun-filled educational program has engaged tens of thousands of students in Hawai'i, allowing them to explore STEM opportunities, with a focus on earth and space and gain knowledge and 21<sup>st</sup> century skills that helps to ensure literacy in science; and

**WHEREAS**, the 13th Annual Journey through the Universe program on Hawai'i Island strengthens the community by partnering with the Gemini Observatory on Mauna Kea, University of Hawai'i-Hilo, Hawai'i Department of Education Hilo-Waiākea Complex Area, 'Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai'i, Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Island Chamber of Commerce, as well as many other sponsors, organizations and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the 13th Annual Journey through the Universe program reaches out to members of the community to become part of the Ambassadors team and assist with classroom visits in the Hilo/Waiākea Complex schools, facilitate transportation, distribute educational materials, and coordinate classroom activities; and

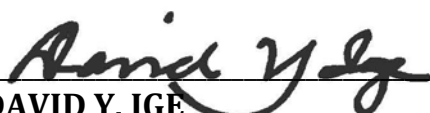
**WHEREAS**, students, teachers, families and the public at-large are provided with an intensive week of programming which includes teacher workshops, classroom visits by astronomers and scientists, public lectures and family science nights;


**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 10 - 17, 2017 as**

### **“JOURNEY THROUGH THE UNIVERSE WEEK”**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the national importance of science education and encourage our keiki to pursue the explorers within them.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fourteenth day of February 2017.

  
DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

  
SHAN S. TSUTSUI  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i