



Proclamation

In Recognition of

International Education Week

WHEREAS, Hawai'i is America's most multicultural state with the highest percentage of bicultural people in the U.S., making it a perfect destination for international students to advance their education; and

WHEREAS, studying in Hawai'i prepares international students by exposing them to innovative developments in science, business, the arts, communications and humanities; and

WHEREAS, K-12 private schools, training institutes and colleges throughout the State actively welcome international students and provide programs that take advantage of Hawai'i's rich cultural and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, in 2016-2017, nearly 11,000 international students studied in Hawai'i and contributed \$225 million in direct economic impact to the State; and

WHEREAS, creating strong international education programs foster interaction between Hawai'i's students and students from around the globe, broaden local students' world perspective and help them to develop global competence; and

WHEREAS, international students who have studied in Hawai'i return home to be positive change agents for their own countries; and

WHEREAS, international education, mutual understanding and global collaboration are essential to building bridges that connect future world leaders; and

WHEREAS, for the 19th consecutive year, the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education jointly celebrate International Education Week from November 13-17, 2017;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim November 16, 2017 as

"INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the importance of international education and exchange in our high schools and universities and how it prepares our students for a global environment.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this sixth day of October 2017.


DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i


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