

# *Proclamation*

## *In Recognition of*

### **Speech Week in Hawai'i**

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i Speech League (HSL), a non-profit educational organization, was established to promote and encourage excellence in speech by sponsoring a diversified program of speech activities for intermediate and high school students; and

**WHEREAS**, HSL sponsors over a dozen speech and debate competitions for member schools, comprised of public and private intermediate and high schools throughout the state; and

**WHEREAS**, students prepare, practice and fine-tune their skills for various categories which include storytelling, program reading, humorous or dramatic interpretations, original oratory, impromptu and extemporaneous speaking, and debate; and

**WHEREAS**, HSL events encourage students to focus on 21<sup>st</sup> century skills by emphasizing analytical thinking, evidence-based argumentation, logic, interpretation, clarity, diction, poise, effective delivery, fluency, and connection with audience; and

**WHEREAS**, HSL hosts qualifying tournaments throughout the school year from which student winners qualify to compete at the annual Hawai'i State Forensic Championships; and


**WHEREAS**, the annual Hawai'i State Forensic Championships debate events will be held on April 12-13, 2018 at the Kamehameha Schools, and speech events and debate final rounds will be held on April 14, 2018 at Punahou School;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April 8-14, 2018 as**

## **“SPEECH WEEK IN HAWAI'I”**

and ask that the people of the Aloha State join us in recognizing the value and importance of promoting instruction of effective communication skills in the schools so that students may be empowered to become engaged citizens, skilled professionals and strong leaders in our global society.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this twenty-ninth day of March 2018.

  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

  
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DOUGLAS S. CHIN  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i