



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Speech League (HSL), a nonprofit 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 or middle and high schools throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, students prepare, practice and fine-tune their skills for various categories that 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 21st century skills by emphasizing analytical thinking, evidence-based argumentation, logic, interpretation, clarity, diction, poise, effective delivery, fluency, and rapport; 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 11-12, 2019 at the Kamehameha Schools, and speech events and debate final rounds will be held on April 13, 2019 at Punahou School;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April 7-13, 2019 as

"SPEECH WEEK IN HAWAI'I"

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

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fourteenth day of March 2019.

JOSHUA B. GREEN
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i