



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the freedom of speech is a constitutional right that all Americans share; and

WHEREAS, free speech allows for free press, debate, and an open exchange of ideas; and

WHEREAS, free speech and accessible media allow individuals to have their voices heard, ensures inclusion for all artists, and enables citizens to make informed decisions; and

WHEREAS, free speech is a means through which people can call for accountability and encourage creativity and diversity; and

WHEREAS, Free Speech Week is a non-partisan, non-ideological event to celebrate freedom of speech and to raise awareness of the importance of free speech and a free press in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in Hawai'i, 'Olelo Community Media—O'ahu's nonprofit community public, education and government access provider—encourages free speech by providing the equipment, facilities and services for anyone, from keiki to kūpuna, to express themselves on television, free of charge, at any of their six Media Service Centers; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with National Free Speech Week, individuals, families, educators and organizations are encouraged to participate in raising awareness of free speech and how it affects our lives;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim October 19–25, 2020 as

“FREE SPEECH WEEK”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the importance of protecting our right to free speech, the integrity of free press, and social responsibility to speak up as well as to listen to others' voices.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-ninth day of September 2020.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i