WHEREAS, Hawaiʻi is America’s most multicultural state, making it a perfect destination for international students to advance their education; and

WHEREAS, studying in Hawaiʻi allows international students to connect with our state’s unique research opportunities, innovative developments in various fields, internships and volunteer programs; and

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

WHEREAS, in 2019, over 13,000 international students studied in Hawaiʻi and contributed $185 million in direct economic impact to the state; and

WHEREAS, creating strong international education programs foster interaction between Hawaiʻi’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 Hawaiʻi 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;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawaiʻi, do hereby proclaim November 16–20, 2020 as

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in Hawaiʻi 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 the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawaiʻi, this fifth day of November 2020.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawaiʻi