



# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, Hawai'i is America's most multicultural state, making it a perfect destination for international students to advance their education; and

**WHEREAS**, studying in Hawai'i 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 Hawai'i's rich cultural and natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2019, over 13,000 international students studied in Hawai'i and contributed \$185 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;

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

## **“INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK”**

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 the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fifth day of November 2020.

  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i