

ProclamationIn Recognition of Speech Week in Hawai'i

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Speech League was organized to promote and encourage excellence in speech and debate by sponsoring a diversified program of speech activities for intermediate and high school students, and is an organization composed of public and private schools from across the state of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Speech League is a nonprofit educational organization that sponsors approximately 13 tournaments in various speech and debate competitions during the year commencing in October and culminating with the State Tournament in April; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Speech League underlines that its competitions are open to all member schools, comprised of intermediate and high school students from public and private schools throughout the state, where students qualify for the state finals by winning one of the qualifying tournaments held during the year; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Speech League recognizes that students and coaches put a tremendous amount of preparation and practice into fine-tuning skills for the rigorous competition in the league's various events; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Speech League reminds us that we are now approaching the annual Hawai'i State Forensics Championship tournament, with debate events held on Thursday and Friday, April 9 – 10, 2015 at the Kamehameha Schools; while speech and debate event final rounds will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at Punahou School;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April 5 - 11, 2015 as

"SPEECH WEEK"

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the skill, talent and determination that epitomize these exemplary young adults.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this eighth day of April 2015.

Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i