



# *Proclamation*

*In Recognition of*

## **Hawai'i School Choice Week**

**WHEREAS**, the goal of National School Choice Week is to shine a positive, non-political spotlight on effective education options for children, including traditional public schools, public charter schools, private schools, online learning and homeschooling; and

**WHEREAS**, citizens across the Aloha State agree that every student in Hawai'i should have access to an effective education and that continuing to improve the quality of education is an issue of importance to our state's leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, Hawai'i recognizes the essential role that an effective and accountable system of education plays in preparing all children to be successful adults; and

**WHEREAS**, Hawai'i has many different types of public and non-public schools, as well as families who educate their children in the home; and

**WHEREAS**, Hawai'i has many high-quality, dedicated teaching professionals in all types of education environments; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important for parents in Hawai'i to explore and identify the best education options available to their children; and

**WHEREAS**, research demonstrates that providing children with multiple education options improves academic performance; and

**WHEREAS**, School Choice Week is a national celebration recognized by millions of students, parents, educators, schools and community leaders for the purpose of raising public awareness of the importance of effective education options for children;

**THEREFORE, I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim January 24 - 30, 2016 as**

## **"HAWAI'I SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK"**

in the State of Hawai'i and encourage citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing this observance to help raise awareness of the education options available to children and families in Hawai'i.

**DONE**, at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this twenty-fourth day of January 2016.

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i