



Proclamation
In Recognition of
Speech Week in Hawai'i

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Speech League (HSL), a non-profit educational organization, was established to promote and encourage excellence in speech by sponsoring a diversified program of speech activities for intermediate and high school students; and

WHEREAS, HSL sponsors approximately thirteen speech and debate competitions for member schools, comprised of public and private intermediate and high schools throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, students are dedicated to preparation and practice in fine-tuning their skills for various categories which include storytelling, program reading, humorous or dramatic interpretations, original oratory, impromptu and extemporaneous speaking, and debate; and

WHEREAS, HSL events encourage students to focus on 21st century skills and learning by emphasizing analytical thinking, evidence-based argumentation, logic, interpretation, clarity, diction, poise, effective delivery, fluency, and connection with audience; and

WHEREAS, HSL hosts qualifying tournaments throughout the school year, from which student winners qualify to compete at the annual Hawai'i State Forensic Championships; and

WHEREAS, the annual Hawai'i State Forensic Championships debate events will be held on April 6-7, 2017 at the Kamehameha Schools, and speech events and debate final rounds will be held on April 8, 2017 at Punahou School; and

WHEREAS, state winners of the Hawai'i State Forensic Championships will represent Hawai'i at the National Speech & Debate Tournament in Birmingham, Alabama in June;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April 2 - 8, 2017 as

"SPEECH WEEK IN HAWAI'I"

and ask that the people of the Aloha State join us in recognizing the value and importance of promoting effective communication skills in the schools so that students may be empowered to becoming engaged citizens, skilled professionals and honorable leaders in our global society.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this twenty-ninth day of March 2017.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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