



## **Mathematics Awareness Week**

WHEREAS, the first Mathematics Awareness Week was proclaimed in 1986 by President Ronald Reagan to increase public understanding and appreciation for mathematics as a field of study; and

WHEREAS, math is one of the basics of learning that is fundamental to gaining 21st century skills such as coding and robotics; and

WHEREAS, mathematics is key to success in science, technology, engineering, medicine and many other careers; and

WHEREAS, the State Math Bowl builds interest and enthusiasm in mathematics through friendly competition, promotes problem-solving skills, and gives students an opportunity to interact and share their common interests; and

WHEREAS, the event is open to all public and private high schools where students compete as teams rather than as individuals; and

WHEREAS, it allows small teams of three to participate, thereby increasing participation from smaller schools and neighbor island schools; and

WHEREAS, the Statewide Math Bowl XXXIX will be held on May 6, 2017 at Brigham Young University Hawai'i in conjunction with the observance of Mathematics Awareness Week in Hawai'i;

THEREFORE I. DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I. SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April 30 - May 6, 2017 as

## MATHEMATICS AWARENESS WEEK"

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the importance of math proficiency in education for students and their greater communities in the State of Hawai'i.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this seventhday of April 2017.

Governor, State of Hawai'i

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i