

Proclamation In Recognition of

National School Counseling Week

WHEREAS, school counselors are committed professionals who make a tremendous impact in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career; and

WHEREAS, school counselors are advocates for students, leaders, collaborators and agents for systems change; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive school counseling programs are implemented by school counselors to help students meet the challenges of the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, school counselors help students learn to examine their abilities, strengths, interests, and talents in relation to career awareness and development; and

WHEREAS, school counselors understand reform issues, work to close the achievement gap and promote equity and access to academic success for all students; and

WHEREAS, school counselors work with teachers and parents to help students explore their potential and further their educational, personal and social growth; and

WHEREAS, school counselors seek to identify and utilize community resources that can enhance and complement comprehensive school counseling programs and help students become productive members of society; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with National School Counseling Week, this year's theme, "School Counselors: Helping Students Reach for the Stars," focuses on the goals and unique contributions of school counselors in our schools in Hawai'i and across the nation;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim February 5-9, 2018 as

"SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the value of school counselors in our schools and universities, and alongside school counselors, encourage students to reach for the stars.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this seventeenth day of Ianuary 2018.

Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i