

**Proclamation** In Recognition of

## Journey through the Universe 2018

**WHEREAS**, the Journey through the Universe program, developed by National Center for Earth and Space Science Education, inspires and prepares the next generation of scientists and engineers to compete in global markets in the age of high technology; and

**WHEREAS**, Hilo, Hawai'i is currently one often communities around the nation that are designated Journey through the Universe sites; and

WHEREAS, the 14th Annual Journey through the Universe program on Hawai'i Island strengthens the community by partnering with the Gemini Observatory on Maunakea, University of Hawai'i-Hilo, Hawai'i Department of Education Hilo-Waiãkea and Kau-Keaau-Pahoa Complex Areas, Waimea and Honoka'a Schools, 'Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai'i, Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Island Chamber of Commerce, as well as many other sponsors, organizations and businesses; and

WHEREAS, this fun-filled educational program has engaged tens of thousands of students in Hawai'i, giving them forefront access to the entire sky and allowing them to gain 21st century skills that helps to ensure literacy in science; and

WHEREAS, students, teachers, families and the public at-large are provided with an intensive week of programming which includes teacher workshops, classroom visits by astronomers and scientists, public lectures and family science nights; and

**WHEREAS**, Journey through the Universe embraces our diversity and promotes an inclusive environment by engaging members of the local community;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 10 - 17, 2018 as

## **"JOURNEY THROUGH THE UNIVERSE WEEK"**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the national importance of science education and encourage our keiki to pursue the explorers within them.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this first day of March 2018.

Governor, State of Hawai'i

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