



Proclamation

In Recognition of

Music Learning and Appreciation Week

WHEREAS, music is an international language that connects people and embraces diversity; and

WHEREAS, music learning enhances cognitive skills in reasoning, pattern recognition, and memorization; and

WHEREAS, learning how to play an instrument involves improved hand-to-eye coordination, ear-to-hand coordination, and fine motor skills; and

WHEREAS, music learning fosters language development, self-esteem, self-discipline, and even teamwork; and

WHEREAS, the Music For Life Foundation, founded in 2010 by Leo Daquioag, promotes and supports music programs in Hawai'i's public schools; and

WHEREAS, the Music For Life Foundation mission is to inspire people to value music as a resource that strengthens the educational and social vitality of communities; and

WHEREAS, with the support of Principal Michelle DeBusca of Ala Wai Elementary School, the Music For Life Foundation has created an on-campus, music-oriented classroom and gathering place for Ala Wai Elementary School students, designated the Jake Shimabukuro Clubhouse for Music Learning and Appreciation; and

WHEREAS, Jake's Clubhouse features a learn-to-play 'ukulele workshop area, 'ukulele service and repair training center, recording studio, small performance stage, and dozens of Kala brand and Kamaka 'ukuleles, along with an assortment of other musical instruments and sound equipment, for unrestricted classroom use by Ala Wai Elementary School students and faculty; and

WHEREAS, the community and educators are encouraged to support music education and opportunities in the classroom;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim September 30-October 6, 2018 as

"MUSIC LEARNING AND APPRECIATION WEEK"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in understanding the need and importance of music learning in school curriculum, celebrating the opening of Jake's Clubhouse at Ala Wai Elementary School, and recognizing the Music For Life Foundation for its valuable contributions to our local schools and the community.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-second day of August 2018.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



DOUGLAS S. CHIN
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i