



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Hawai'i is America's most multicultural state with the highest percentage of bicultural people in the United States, making it a perfect destination for international students to advance their education; and

**WHEREAS**, studying in Hawai'i prepares international students by exposing them to innovative developments in science, business, the arts, communications and humanities; and

**WHEREAS**, K-12 private schools, training institutes and colleges throughout the state actively welcome international students and provide programs that take advantage of Hawai'i's rich cultural and natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2018, almost 14,300 international students studied in Hawai'i and contributed \$216.9 million in direct economic impact to the State; and

**WHEREAS**, strong international education programs foster interaction between Hawai'i's students and students from around the globe and broaden local students' world perspective and help them develop global competence; and

**WHEREAS**, international students who have studied in Hawai'i return home to be positive change agents for their own countries; and

**WHEREAS**, international education, mutual understanding and global collaboration are essential to building bridges that connect future world leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, for the 21<sup>st</sup> consecutive year, the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education jointly celebrate International Education Week;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim November 18-22, 2019 as**

## **"INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK"**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the importance of international education and exchange in our high schools and universities and how it prepares our students for a global environment.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-eighth day of October 2019.

JOSHUA B. GREEN  
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i