



Proclamation

WHEREAS, scholastic journalism has been a part of high school curricula for decades; and

WHEREAS, the goal of scholastic journalism programs is to enable young people to learn and practice their right to express and exchange ideas—which is essential to a democracy—by writing, editing and producing student publications; and

WHEREAS, research has shown that students who are trained in journalism have a higher achievement level on standardized tests and in college English classes; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Scholastic Journalism Week 2020 is “Big Questions, Big Results” and will celebrate student journalists who ask important questions about the world around them and thoroughly and accurately convey solid reporting to benefit the audience in a major way; and

WHEREAS, Hawai‘i is one of eleven states that introduced a bill in the 2019 state legislature to protect student journalists and their advisors by allowing students to exercise freedom of speech and freedom of the press in school-sponsored media;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, do hereby proclaim February 24–28, 2020 as

“SCHOLASTIC JOURNALISM WEEK”

in Hawai‘i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing and celebrating the national importance of scholastic journalism and encourage our high school students to raise community consciousness regarding the benefits of scholastic journalism.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, this twenty-seventh day of January 2020.

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

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai‘i