



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Journey through the Universe program, developed by the 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 one of only ten communities around the nation that are designated Journey through the Universe sites; and

WHEREAS, the 17th 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 at Hilo, Department of Education's Hilo-Waiākea and Ka'u-Kea'au-Paho 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 help to ensure science literacy; and

WHEREAS, over 70 observatory professionals and educators will pass on their experiences and knowledge of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) to Hawai'i's students; and

WHEREAS, members of the local community are provided with an intensive week of programs that include teacher workshops, classroom visits by astronomers and scientists, public lectures and family science nights;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim March 1-5, 2021 as

“JOURNEY THROUGH THE UNIVERSE WEEK”

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

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-eighth day of January 2021.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i