



# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, summer learning programs are proven to maintain and advance students' academic, social and emotional growth, keep children safe and healthy during the summer, and send young people back to school ready to learn; and

**WHEREAS**, summer learning programs such as camps, summer school classes, reading programs and tutoring can close learning gaps and help students graduate on time; and

**WHEREAS**, summer youth employment programs, internships, mentorships and volunteer opportunities engage older youths and allow them to gain real world experience and contribute to their community and economy; and

**WHEREAS**, a wide array of public agencies, community-based organizations, schools, libraries, museums, recreation centers, camps, and businesses in our community contribute to the well-being of youths through various summer programs; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Wallace Foundation's largest-ever summer learning study conducted by the RAND Corporation, it was clear that children from low-income families and children with disabilities experience more setbacks over the summer as compared to wealthier peers; and

**WHEREAS**, summer programs are adapting and innovating to ensure children and their families can access quality summer learning opportunities and critical supports and services throughout the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, joyful summer learning experiences are a critical component of our collective effort to ensure Hawai'i's educational recovery and that all students heal, grow, and thrive beyond this global pandemic;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor** of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim July 12–16, 2021 as

## **“SUMMER LEARNING WEEK”**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in recognizing the importance of summer learning programs for our keiki and youth, encouraging students and families to engage in educational activities during the summer break, and helping them to succeed.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this ninth day of June 2021.

  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i