

Proclamation

WHEREAS, our country's future depends upon providing quality education to all students regardless of their age, background and circumstances in life; and

WHEREAS, teachers encounter students of widely differing backgrounds in K-12 schools, adult education classrooms and correctional facilities, playing a critical role in providing positive directions for their future; and

WHEREAS, teachers are dedicated professionals and mentors who spend countless hours preparing lessons, evaluating progress, and providing guidance for their students; and

WHEREAS, teachers support their students' academic, social and emotional well-being; and

WHEREAS, just as teachers in traditional school settings help students set their future paths, teachers in correctional facilities can change lives and give inmates a second chance to remake themselves for the better as productive, law-abiding citizens; and

WHEREAS, National Teacher Appreciation Week celebrates the contributions of teachers across our nation, in conjunction with National Correctional Officers and Employees Week which acknowledges all correctional staff including teachers working in the state jail and prison facilities;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the **State of Hawai'i,** do hereby proclaim May 1–7, 2022 as

"NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in recognizing teachers for their inspiration, perseverance and dedication.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fourth day of May 2022.

DAVID Y. IGE