



Proclamation

WHEREAS, broadband services are essential infrastructure for the twenty-first century and play an important role in providing access to knowledge and opportunities from communities locally and around the world; and

WHEREAS, digital equity ensures all individuals and communities have the information technology capacity needed for full participation in our society, democracy, and economy and is necessary for civic and cultural participation, lifelong learning, and access to essential services; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has heightened the demand for reliable, affordable internet connectivity as work, education, and access to essential services have shifted toward being provided online; and

WHEREAS, the State is committed to promoting digital inclusion to ensure that all individuals and communities, including the most remote and disadvantaged, have access to and the use of information and communication technologies, including affordable, robust broadband internet service; internet-enabled devices that meet the needs of the user; access to digital literacy training; quality technical support; and applications and online content designed to enable and encourage self-sufficiency, participation, and collaboration; and

WHEREAS, to raise awareness of the need for digital equity and to promote digital inclusion, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 25, S.D. 1, Regular Session of 2022, further recognized October 3 through October 7, 2022, as Digital Inclusion Week in the State; and

WHEREAS, Digital Inclusion Week is spearheaded by the National Digital Inclusion Alliance, which represents affiliated organizations working toward digital equity by crafting, identifying, and disseminating financial and operational resources for digital inclusion programs to raise awareness of solutions addressing home internet access, personal devices, and local technology training and support programs;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 3–7, 2022 as

“DIGITAL INCLUSION WEEK”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in raising awareness of digital equity and broadband access issues and doing all we can to close the digital divide.

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


DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i