



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the State of Hawai'i recognizes that a digital economy can be a foundation for economic resilience in the digital age; and

**WHEREAS**, computer science skills, knowledge, and literacy contribute to economic productivity, digital equity, scientific innovation, and new fields of commerce in Hawai'i; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Hawai'i is represented in the bi-partisan Governors' Partnership for Computer Science Education, and its partnerships such as the Hawai'i Broadband Hui, Chamber of Commerce Information Technology Sector Partnership, and TRUE have brought together diverse stakeholders to ensure Hawai'i is ready for a digital future; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Hawai'i has invested in local computer science talent through the adoption of K-12 computer science standards, laws expanding computer science education to all schools, and programs such as the Hawai'i Annual Code Challenge; and

**WHEREAS**, jobs requiring computer science skills will on average grow twice as fast and pay twice as much as other jobs locally, but the field of computer science has significant equity barriers to address, including increased participation by women, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, providing all students with a thorough computer science education through access to qualified teachers, technology, age-appropriate curricula, and the chance to participate in high-quality computer science activities exposes them to rich opportunities and teaches critical thinking skills; and

**WHEREAS**, the "Hour of Code" event during Computer Science Education Week can introduce the foundations of computer science and encourage students to continue studying computer science; and

**WHEREAS**, Computer Science Education Week is observed the week of the birthday of Grace Hopper, one of the first women in the field of computer science, who engineered new programming languages and pioneered computer systems standards, laying the foundation for advancements in computer science;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor** of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim December 5–11, 2022 as

## **"COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION WEEK"**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in recognizing the crucial role that computer science plays in transforming our society, enabling innovation, and creating economic opportunities.

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

  
DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i