Proclamation

WHEREAS, the National Center for Earth and Space Science Education’s (NCESSE) central objective is to continue America’s legacy as a leader on the frontiers of science and technology well into the 21st century by ensuring a scientifically literate public and a next generation of scientists and engineers; and

WHEREAS, NCESSE is joined by the local scientific community beginning with Gemini Observatory, Joint Astronomy Centre, Subaru Telescope, Thirty Meter Telescope, Submillimeter Array, National Radio Observatory Telescope, Hoku Ke’a Telescope, James Clerk Maxwell Telescope, Nasa Infrared Telescope, Unitea Kingdom Infrared Telescope, UH Institute for Astronomy, Caltech Submillimeter Observatory, W.M. Keck Observatory, ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawaii, UH-Hilo Physics & Astronomy, Onizuka Visitor Information Station, Mauna Kea Support Services, Mauna Kea Observatories Outreach Committee, University of Wyoming and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory; and

WHEREAS, partnered with the Department of Education Hilo/Waiakea Complex Area, “Journey Through the Universe” continues for a 9th year on March 7-15, 2013, and features a full nine days of whirlwind cosmic exploration and ‘star-studded’ space and science education for students, teachers, and parents as a national team of approximately 70 astronomers working on the frontier of space visit students in 380 classrooms; and

WHEREAS, the County of Hawaii fully encourages and supports the educators who perpetuate learning and exploration of our universe in order to excite our youth about the future; and

WHEREAS, there are only ten sites across the country and the Hilo site has been recognized as the flagship “Journey” program in the nation,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BILLY KENOI, Mayor of the County of Hawaii, do hereby proclaim March 7-15, 2013, as

JOURNEY THROUGH THE UNIVERSE WEEK

in the County of Hawaii and urge all citizens to be mindful of the great contributions that astronomy makes to the educational and economic betterment of our island’s people.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused The Seal of the County of Hawaii to be affixed. Done this 3rd day of January, 2013, in Hilo, Hawaii.

[Signature]
Billy Kenoi
MAYOR