



# *Proclamation*

## *In Recognition of*

# **Journey through the Universe 2015**

**WHEREAS**, Journey through the Universe 2015 is an education initiative brought to fruition by the National Center for Earth and Space Science Education (NCESSE), collaborating with students, teachers, families and the public as they explore Space and Earth science; and

**WHEREAS**, Journey through the Universe 2015 celebrates the fact that they have engaged over 50,000 students and visited over 3,000 classrooms in Hawai'i during Journey week in the past decade; and

**WHEREAS**, Journey through the Universe 2015 advances the pleasures of learning in conjunction with this year's "International Year of Light 2015" Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) conference at 'Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai'i, displaying the wonder of learning beyond the classroom; and

**WHEREAS**, Journey through the Universe 2015 equips teachers with the knowledge and skills to implement stimulating lessons in the classroom relevant to Hawai'i Content and Performance Standards in addition to inspiring positive settings developing cooperative parent and child learning; and

**WHEREAS**, Journey through the Universe 2015 Ambassador's team is a significant contributor to the Journey through the Universe program, representing community members who motivate and support youth by facilitating transportation, distributing educational materials, and coordinating classroom engagements; and

**WHEREAS**, Journey through the Universe 2015 strengthens the community by partnering with The Gemini Observatory, Hawai'i Department of Education Hilo/Waiākea Complex, 'Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai'i, and observatories on Mauna Kea, as well as all the other contributing organizations in empowering participants with the passion of science; and

**WHEREAS**, the 11th Annual Journey through the Universe program will take place from February 27 to March 6, 2015, on Hawai'i Island;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor** for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim February 27 through March 6, 2015, as

## **"JOURNEY THROUGH THE UNIVERSE WEEK 2015"**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in extending our passion of scientific endeavors and our astounding universe.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-sixth day of February, 2015.

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i