

# COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

## *Proclamation*

*WHEREAS*, Journey through the Universe promotes sustained education in the critical areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), and is a celebration of exploration and the joys of learning science. In 2018, the program celebrates its 14th anniversary on Hawai'i Island, where it has engaged over 56,000 students in the past decade in STEM education in local schools; and

*WHEREAS*, developed by the National Center for Earth and Space Science Education (NCESSSE), Journey through the Universe is a national science education initiative that engages entire communities - students, teachers, families, and the public - using educational programs in the earth and space sciences, and space exploration to inspire and educate; and

*WHEREAS*, the Department of Education Hilo/Waiākea Complex and Gemini Observatory began the partnership in 2004, agreeing to work together and share Mauna Kea astronomy with students. Over the past decade students, teachers and the community-at-large have benefited from Journey Through the Universe which has grown to include dozens of local and national research and education institutions, as well as local businesses, government agencies, and individuals; and

*WHEREAS*, the County of Hawai'i fully encourages and supports the educators who perpetuate learning and exploration of our universe in order to excite our youth about the future, and the astronomers and engineers who instill excitement and understanding about the diverse careers available at the telescopes,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY KIM, Mayor of the County of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 2-9, 2018, as

### **JOURNEY THROUGH THE UNIVERSE WEEK**

in the County of Hawai'i, 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 Hawai'i to be affixed. Done this 5<sup>th</sup> of March, 2018, in Hilo, Hawai'i.



Harry Kim  
MAYOR

