

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the Journey through the Universe program, developed by the National Center for Earth and Space Science Education, inspires and prepares the next generation of scientists and engineers to compete in global markets in the age of high technology; and

**WHEREAS**, Hilo, Hawai'i is currently one of ten communities around the nation that are designated Journey through the Universe sites; and

**WHEREAS**, the 15th Annual Journey through the Universe program on Hawai'i Island strengthens the community by partnering with the Gemini Observatory on Mauna Kea, University of Hawai'i at Hilo, Department of Education's Hilo-Waiakea and Ka'u-Kea'au-Paho Complex Areas, Waimea and Honoka'a Schools, 'Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai'i, Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Island Chamber of Commerce, and other sponsors, organizations and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, this fun-filled educational program has engaged tens of thousands of students in Hawai'i, giving them forefront access to the entire sky and allowing them to gain 21st century skills that helps to ensure science literacy; and

**WHEREAS**, over 70 observatory professionals and informal educators will pass on their experiences and knowledge of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) to Hawai'i's students; and

**WHEREAS**, students, teachers, families and the public are provided with an intensive week of programs that include teacher workshops, classroom visits by astronomers and scientists, public lectures, and family science nights; and

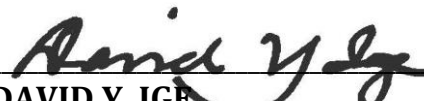
**WHEREAS**, Journey through the Universe embraces Hawai'i's diversity and promotes an inclusive environment by engaging members of the local community;


**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 2-9, 2019 as**

## **“JOURNEY THROUGH THE UNIVERSE WEEK”**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the local, national and global importance of STEM education and encourage our keiki to pursue the explorers within them.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fifteenth day of January 2019.

  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

  
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JOSHUA B. GREEN  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i