



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of Academic Decathlon Week

WHEREAS, the United States Academic Decathlon promotes learning, growth, and academic excellence among students of varying achievement levels in challenging, multidisciplinary subjects; and

WHEREAS, the United States Academic Decathlon provides students the opportunity to excel academically through team competition, and promotes teamwork as a means to achieve self-knowledge and develop life skills including honesty and integrity; and

WHEREAS, the United States Academic Decathlon encourages respect for diverse points of view that enrich learning and the human experience; and

WHEREAS, the United States Academic Decathlon strives to foster a greater respect for knowledge; develop student communication skills; and encourage team spirit, high-level thinking, pride in achievement, and individual accountability; and

WHEREAS, the United States Academic Decathlon invites more than 450 students from across the United States, China, and the United Kingdom to travel to Honolulu, Hawai'i, to compete with the Hawai'i state team in the 33rd Annual United States Academic Decathlon National Competition;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April 20-26, 2014, as

"ACADEMIC DECATHLON WEEK"

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to welcome the diversity of talents and backgrounds of our local students as well as those who have traveled to Honolulu and recognize the hard work and preparation of these teams as well as the competition's organizers.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this nineteenth day of March, 2014.



NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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