

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the Journey through the Universe program, originally 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 one of the only ten communities around the nation that are designated Journey Through the Universe sites; and

**WHEREAS**, the 19th Annual Journey through the universe program on Hawai‘i Island strengthens the community by participating with the International Gemini Observatory, a program of NSF’s NOIRLab, the Thirty Meter Telescope Project, the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo, the Department of Education’s Hilo-Waiākea and Ka‘ū-Kea‘au-Pāhoa Complex areas, Waimea and Honoka‘a Schools, the ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai‘i, Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Hawai‘i, the Hawai‘i Island Chamber of Commerce as well as many others 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 help ensure science literacy; and

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


**WHEREAS**, members of the local community are provided with an intensive week of programs that include teacher workshops, classroom visits by astronomers and scientists, public lectures, and family science nights; now, therefore,

I, **Josh Green, MD**, Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, do hereby proclaim February 26 – March 4, 2023, as

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

in Hawai‘i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in recognizing the national importance of science education and in encouraging our keiki to pursue the explorers within themselves.

Done at the State Capitol in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

  
Josh Green, MD  
Governor, State of Hawai‘i