

# Proclamation

As we transform our economy away from land development as the primary driver, Hawai'i's overall success increasingly depends on the intellectual capacity of our people. Our Administration's Hawai'i Innovation Initiative has made strengthening science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education a primary goal. By expanding opportunities for high school students to engage in STEM education, we will equip our students and state to keep pace in the global economy.

Every student can benefit from the analytical thinking skills that STEM education helps to develop, both in their pursuit of higher education and in life. Mathematics is particularly valuable for providing the foundation for rewarding and challenging careers in such fields as engineering, information technology and aerospace. As we work to build a brighter future for our state, it is imperative that we foster enthusiasm for these disciplines and create opportunities for students to apply math and science skills in real-life contexts.

The Hawai'i Association of Mathematics (HAM) and the Hawai'i Council of Teachers of Mathematics (HCTM) play an important role in our state by promoting interest and quality instruction in mathematics at schools statewide.

For 30 years, these organizations have coordinated the annual State Math Championships, also known as the Math Bowl, a friendly competition in which teams from public and private schools in Hawai'i tackle mathematical challenges. Through their participation, students have gained recognition at their schools and raised awareness of the importance of mathematics to our daily lives.

On May 3, 2008, HAM and HCTM will sponsor the Math Bowl XXX in Lā'ie at Brigham Young University Hawai'i.

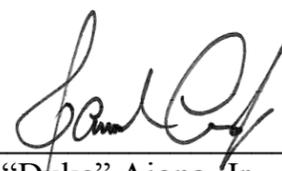
**THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE**, Governor, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim the week of **April 27 – May 3, 2008**, as

## **MATHEMATICS AWARENESS WEEK**

in Hawai'i, and thank the members of the Hawai'i Association of Mathematics and the Hawai'i Council of Teachers of Mathematics for their dedicated efforts to stimulate interest in mathematics in our state.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this seventeenth day of April 2008.

  
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Linda Lingle  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

  
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James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.  
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i