

# Proclamation

Knowledge of mathematics provides a valuable foundation for engineering, information technology, aerospace and many other major and emerging industries. Our Administration is dedicated to strengthening science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education in our schools. By expanding opportunities for students to engage in these subjects, we equip the future leaders of our state with the tools needed to better compete in the 21<sup>st</sup> century global economy. Students benefit from the analytical thinking skills that STEM education helps to develop, both in the pursuit of higher education and success in life.

As we work to build a brighter future for our state, it is imperative that we foster enthusiasm for disciplines like math and create opportunities for students to apply their knowledge in real-life situations. From balancing a checkbook to following a recipe, the power that comes from mastering numbers is invaluable.

The Hawai'i Association of Mathematics (HAM) and the Hawai'i Council of Teachers of Mathematics (HCTM) promote interest and quality instruction in mathematics at schools statewide. For more than 30 years, these organizations have coordinated the annual State Math Championships. Also known as the Math Bowl, this competition brings together teams from Hawai'i public and private schools to solve mathematical challenges. Through their participation, students increase their math skills and raise awareness of important functions of mathematics in all aspects of our lives.


On May 2, 2009, HAM and HCTM will sponsor Math Bowl XXXI in Lā'ie at Brigham Young University – Hawai'i. We appreciate the teachers, students and sponsors who have worked hard to make this annual event fun and educational.

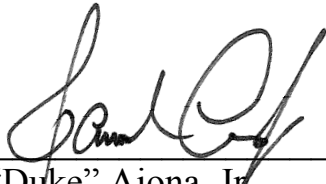
**THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE**, Governor, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim the week of **April 26 – May 2, 2009**, as

## **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 tenth 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