

Proclamation

The Hawai'i Academy of Science was established in 1925 to advance excellence in science by fostering teamwork and cooperation between students and instructors, teaching the scientific method and promoting reasoning and analysis. The academy serves public and private schools, as well as home-based educational settings, with a full array of programs aimed at fostering scientific inquiry and high-level reasoning. For more than 80 years, the academy has been a catalyzing force in the lives of students who have developed into leaders in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) professions.

Since 1958, the academy has sponsored the Hawai'i State Science and Engineering Fair to recognize and reward excellence in scientific achievement by secondary students who have completed science projects at school, with a science club or independently.

This year, the academy is sponsoring the 52nd Hawai'i State Science and Engineering Fair from April 7-8, 2009 at the Neal Blaisdell Exhibition Hall. The oldest and largest science education program in Hawai'i, 7,000 students are expected to participate. The winners will represent Hawai'i at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Reno, Nevada in May.

Our Administration believes the best way to learn science is to do science, and that science fairs offer students the opportunity to develop creative and critical thinking skills through hands-on application. By choosing and researching a topic that appeals to them, students may begin developing the interest and skills to eventually pursue a career in science or engineering.

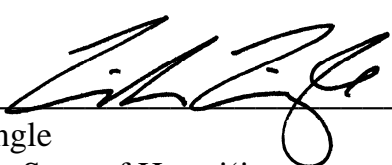
We recognize that the knowledge of scientific disciplines is increasingly important, and that the 21st century will be shaped by those with a strong command of science and technology. We believe that our state's success depends on the intellectual capacity of our people including our students.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR., Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **April 5 – 11, 2009**, as

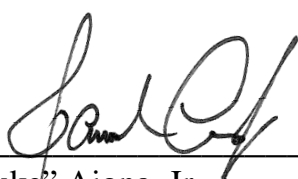
SCIENCE FAIR WEEK

in Hawai'i, and encourage young people to expand their knowledge base, forging the path to discovering a better future for generations to come.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twentieth day of March 2009.



Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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