Proclamation

Presented to

The Hawaii Speech League

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Speech League is a non-profit educational organization that has offered a diverse program of public speaking activities for intermediate and high school students for more than 50 years; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Speech League has more than 25 member schools, both public and private, throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Speech League raises awareness about the importance of communication; teaches proper research and analysis; emphasizes logic and clarity; and empowers students with self-confidence; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Speech League encourages intermediate and high school students to display their skill, talent and determination during rigorous speech tournaments; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Speech League sponsors approximately thirteen tournaments in various speech and debate competitions during the year commencing in October and concluding with the State Tournament in April; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Speech League will culminate its 2011-2012 competition schedule with the State Forensic Championship Tournament held at Kamehameha Schools and Punahou Schools from April 12, 2012 to April 14, 2012;

NOW, THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and **I, BRIAN SCHATZ,** Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai`i, do hereby proclaim April 8, 2012 – April 14, 2012 as

"SPEECH WEEK"

in Hawai`i to recognize the contributions of the Hawaii Speech League and commend the participating schools for promoting academic rigor through extra-curricular programs. Best wishes to the participants of the Hawaii State Forensic Championships.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fifth day of April, 2012.

Neil Abercrombie

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai`i

Brian Schatz

BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai`i