

# Proclamation

A well-rounded education requires interaction with different cultures, and the understanding that there is much we can learn from others. One of the best ways to broaden one's horizons is through international education.

In Hawai'i, we are perhaps more aware of this, due to the diversity of our residents, a large number of international visitors and our state's geographical location as a gateway to the Asia-Pacific region.

Nationally, the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education have designated November 16-20 as International Education Week to highlight the importance of student exchanges, study abroad programs, foreign language studies and global approaches to education.

NAFSA: Association of International Educators advocates global literacy by encouraging the international exchange of students and academics, emphasizing a global perspective in curricula and providing opportunities for professional development. The NAFSA Hawai'i chapter promotes public, private and campus-based international education programs statewide.

NAFSA estimates that during the 2007-2008 academic year, foreign students contributed approximately \$15.54 billion to the U.S. economy. The 5,645 foreign students who studied in Hawai'i during that time period spent more than \$117 million in Hawai'i on tuition, fees and living expenses.


In addition, students who gain a global perspective are better prepared for the realities of the modern global economy, in which nations and cultures are interdependent.

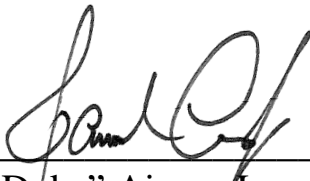
**THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE**, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim **November 16-20, 2009**, as

## **INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK**

in Hawai'i, and remind our state's residents of the importance of international education.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twelfth day of November 2009.

  
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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