



Proclamation

Science, technology, engineering and mathematics are academic disciplines which provide the analytical skills needed to prepare students for post-secondary education and the highly technical 21st century workplace. Every student can benefit from developing enhanced problem-solving skills, regardless of their career field. Therefore, strengthening education in these disciplines is important for the future of Hawai'i.

Mathematics is particularly important as it lays the foundation for other fields, such as science, medicine and engineering. This discipline requires an ability to grasp abstract concepts with close attention to detail.

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 cultivating interest and enthusiasm for mathematics among Hawai'i's students.

For nearly 30 years, these organizations have coordinated the Annual State Math Championships, also known as the Math Bowl, for high school students across the state. This competition promotes an interest in mathematics, stimulates academic growth, rewards achievement in this important field and raises public awareness of the significance mathematics has in our daily lives.

On May 5, HAM and HCTM will sponsor Math Bowl XXIX in Kea'au at Kamehameha Schools, Hawai'i Campus.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **April 29 through May 5, 2007**, as

MATHEMATICS AWARENESS WEEK

in Hawai'i, and thank the members of the Hawai'i Association of Mathematics and Hawai'i Council of Teachers of Mathematics for their work to promote math in our state and significant investment in our children's future.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this eleventh day of April 2007.

Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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