



Proclamation

Science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) are academic disciplines which provide the analytical skills needed to prepare students for post-secondary education and the 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.

Organized in 1925, the Hawai'i Academy of Science has promoted excellence in science and scientific inquiry in the state for more than 80 years. The Academy's activities foster cooperation between students and instructors, teach science inquiry and the scientific method, promote reasoning and analysis, and encourage students to explore careers in science and engineering.

Since 1958, the Academy has sponsored the Hawai'i State Science & Engineering Fair to engage secondary public, private and home school students in hands-on scientific inquiry. The oldest and largest science education program in Hawai'i, this fair has expanded to a series of competitions at the school, district and state level, with more than 6,000 students in grades 6 through 12 creating science fair projects each year.

This year, the Academy will host the 50th Hawai'i State Science & Engineering Fair from April 2 through 4 at the Neal Blaisdell Exhibition Hall, and the winners will represent Hawai'i at the International Science and Engineering Fair in Albuquerque, New Mexico, this coming May.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **April 1 through 7, 2007** as

SCIENCE FAIR WEEK

in Hawai'i, and congratulate the many students, teachers, coaches, judges and volunteers who recognize the importance of science inquiry and hands-on STEM education by participating in the Hawai'i State Science & Engineering Fair.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-seventh day of March 2007.

Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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