

# Proclamation

Project-based learning in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) provides students with the analytical and problem-solving skills they need to compete effectively in higher education and the workplace. As we move away from land development as the primary driver of our economy, our state's overall success depends increasingly on the intellectual capacity of our people. By strengthening STEM education — a primary goal of our Administration's Hawai'i Innovation Initiative — we will ensure a brighter future for our people and our state in the 21<sup>st</sup>-century global economy.

The Hawai'i Academy of Science has promoted science research and education in Hawai'i and the Pacific region for more than 80 years. The Academy serves students and instructors in 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. Since it was founded in 1925, it has been a catalyzing force in the lives of many students who have gone on to become leaders in 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 their schools, with their science clubs or independently. The oldest and largest science education program in Hawai'i, the fair has expanded to include competitions at the school, district and state level, with more than 6,000 students from statewide participating in school science fairs each year.


This year, the Academy will host the 51<sup>st</sup> Hawai'i State Science and Engineering Fair from March 31 through April 2 at the Neal Blaisdell Exhibition Hall, and the winners will represent Hawai'i at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair happening in Albuquerque, New Mexico in May.

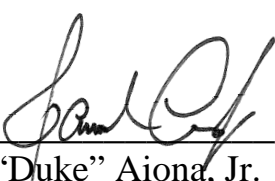
**THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.,** Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim the week of **March 30 – April 5, 2008,** as

## **SCIENCE FAIR WEEK**

in Hawai'i, and join all of the students, teachers, judges, scientists, local companies and volunteers participating in the Hawai'i State Science and Engineering Fair in recognizing the excitement of hands-on STEM education and its importance to our state's future.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twentieth day of March 2008.

  
Linda Lingle  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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