Whereas, in schools across the country, teachers open children’s minds to the magic of ideas, knowledge, and dreams; and

Whereas, teachers keep American democracy alive by laying the foundation for responsible and productive citizens; and

Whereas, teachers fill many roles, as listeners, explorers, role models, motivators, and mentors; and

Whereas, teachers continue to influence us long after our school days are only memories; and

Whereas, teachers should be accorded high public esteem, reflecting the significant value the community places on education; and

Whereas, the National Parent Teacher Association has declared May 5-9, 2014, National Teacher Appreciation Week, and the National Education Association has declared May 6, 2014, National Teacher Day; and

Whereas, the goal of National Teacher Appreciation Week and National Teacher Day are to raise national and local awareness of the importance of teaching in our society, a profession that touches the lives of millions of Americans; and

Whereas, the Hawaii State Board of Education, the Department of Education, Hawaii State Parent Teacher Student Association, and the Hawaii State Teachers Association are keenly aware of the importance and impact of teachers on children; now, therefore,

Be it resolved, on behalf of the Hawaii State Board of Education and Department of Education, we hereby proclaim May 5-9, 2014, as National Teacher Appreciation Week in Hawaii, and encourage schools and communities to pay tribute to our public school teachers.

Donald G. Horner
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