



**STATE OF HAWAII
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

hereby presents this certificate to

VALERIE TAKATA

WHEREAS, the Department of Education serves Hawaii's public school students in 255 schools across seven islands, which are divided into fifteen complex areas;

WHEREAS, Ms. Valerie Takata has dedicated her career to public education in Hawaii, starting in 1975, teaching English and language arts, serving as vice principal at Honokaa Elementary and High and Pahoa High, principal of Keonepoko Elementary, deputy district superintendent and later superintendent of Hawaii District.

WHEREAS, while serving as principal at Keonepoko Elementary, Ms. Takata was selected as the State of Hawaii National Distinguished Principal, which honors and celebrates outstanding elementary and middle school administrators who set high standards for instruction, student achievement, character and climate.

WHEREAS, in 2002 Ms. Takata was appointed as complex area superintendent of the Hilo-Waiakea Complex Area. The complex area superintendent is an essential and influential leadership position that serves as a crucial junction between state leadership and schools;

WHEREAS, Ms. Takata has been instrumental in forging deep and lasting partnerships with stakeholders and the creation of programs like the Huiana Internship Program, which places students in industrial and engineering internships that are connected to their career interests and supports students on their path to be college and career ready.

WHEREAS, under Ms. Takata's leadership, the Hilo-Waiakea Complex Area has engaged entire communities in learning through programs like Journey through the Universe, which has further enriched the educational experience for students and staff;

WHEREAS, the commitment, dedication, and abilities of Ms. Takata has enabled the Board of Education and the Department of Education to provide an outstanding public education and proudly serve the children of Hawaii; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the State of Hawaii Board of Education hereby, extends its deepest and most heartfelt appreciation to VALERIE TAKATA for her dedicated and longstanding contribution to the education of Hawaii's children with a spirit of aloha.

Dated this sixteenth day of June, 2015

Donald G. Horner, Chairperson