



STATE OF HAWAII  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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## RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

### RECOGNIZING KRISTI YAMAGUCHI'S ALWAYS DREAM FOUNDATION AND ALWAYS READING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Always Dream Foundation aims to inspire underserved children to reach for their dreams through reading programs and advancing early childhood literacy; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 the Always Dream Foundation launched Always Reading as its core program that works to connect children and parents with e-books and technology in the classroom and at home; and

WHEREAS, the Always Reading program has both a national partnership, Raising a Reader, and a local partner in Hawaii, Hawaii P-20 Partnerships for Education; and

WHEREAS, during the 2014-2015 academic year, the Always Reading program served 64 classrooms and more than 1,600 students in California, Arizona, and Hawaii and is looking to further expand nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the Always Reading program was expanded to Hawaii this year, focused on schools in impoverished communities, and introduced the program to Linapuni Elementary School and Kalihi-Kai Elementary School; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, by the State of Hawaii Board of Education, that this Board honors the contributions of Kristi Yamaguchi's Always Dream Foundation and Always Reading program to early childhood literacy in Hawaii and nationwide.

This resolution was proposed and approved by the Board at its \_\_\_\_\_ General Business Meeting.

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Lance A. Mizumoto, Chairperson