



Proclamation
Presented to

Department of the Army

WHEREAS, The United States Army's Pacific Pathways plan to strengthen capabilities and assets in the Pacific region is an integral part of the nation's defense strategy; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i's military has become an integral part of our community on all islands not simply in its role as defender but also in supporting a multitude of jobs, from welders to restaurants to cyber security experts, and in standing shoulder to shoulder with us in feeding the homeless, repairing schools and collecting toys for tots; and

WHEREAS, the reduction of 19,800 personnel from the U.S. Army Garrison Hawai'i and approximately 30,000 civilian family members would have a devastating impact on the communities of Wahiawa, Waialua, Mililani and Kunia surrounding Schofield Barracks, and it would deal a severe blow – an estimated loss of \$1.35 billion – to the State's economy; and

WHEREAS, the State's annual defense expenditures are more than \$6.5 billion, with a total economic output of \$14.7 billion, making this the second largest sector of our economy, supporting more than 101,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS Hawai'i's military is a critical partner in building bridges to the Asia-Pacific, hosting such events as APEC, ASEAN meetings and RIMPAC, the world's largest international maritime exercise;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim January 27 and 28, 2015, as

“KEEP HAWAI'I HEROES DAYS”

in the State of Hawai'i and ask that the people of the Aloha State join us in acknowledging the Department of the Army in Hawai'i for their outstanding contributions to our community.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this Twenty-sixth day of January 2015.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i