



Proclamation

In Recognition of

The 72nd Anniversary of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team

WHEREAS, despite persecution and alienation from their own country, thousands of Japanese Americans volunteered to fight for and serve in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, composed almost entirely of American soldiers of Japanese descent who volunteered to defend the United States and its allies, fought primarily in Europe during World War II as a self-sufficient force; and fought with uncommon distinction in Italy, southern France, and Germany; and

WHEREAS, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team is considered to be the most decorated infantry regiment in the history of the United States Army; the regiment was awarded eight Presidential Unit Citations, and twenty-one of its members were awarded the Medal of Honor for World War II; and the 442nd's high distinction in the war and its record-setting decoration count earned it the nickname "Purple Heart Battalion"; and

WHEREAS, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team motto "Go For Broke" became known the world over as a fitting description of the proven fighting spirit embodied in every member of the team; and

WHEREAS, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team played a crucial role in European combat and proved that, in America, shared values, not ancestry, determine allegiances; more than six decades later, in 2010, the United States Congress recognized their achievements with a Congressional Gold Medal; and

WHEREAS, veterans of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team continue to participate actively in community affairs and to extend services to those who need their help;

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

"442ND REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM DAY"

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing and celebrating the legacy of courage and heroism left to us by the members of the legendary 442nd.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this twenty-seventh day of March 2015.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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