



Proclamation

Presented to the

United States Pacific Command

WHEREAS, the commitment, vigilance and sacrifices of the members of the Armed Forces, including the Coast Guard, Reserves and National Guard, continues to ensure the freedom, security and prosperity of the people of the United States; and

WHEREAS, our nation designates each May as Military Appreciation Month to publicly demonstrate our appreciation for the sacrifices and achievements of our service members – past and present; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i's location enables us to play a vital part in our nation's security through our relationship with U.S. Pacific Command, a complex and demanding responsibility that encompasses 36 nations and half of the world's population, massive economies, and major strategic military challenges. No forces in the world are more capable than ours in executing the foreign policies of the United States, in preserving peace wherever tensions arise, in meeting aggression with decisive action, as partners with America's allies, and as humanitarians; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i is honored to serve as home to more than 100,000 military personnel in all branches of service and their families who are a vital and vibrant part of our island 'ohana; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i partners with organizations such as the Military Affairs Council of the Chamber of Commerce Hawai'i and others to celebrate "Hawai'i Military Appreciation Month" in May, and in conjunction with the thirtieth anniversary of establishing its Military Affairs Council, to celebrate the incredible contributions that the military make to our great State; and

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 2016 as

"HAWAI'I MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH"

in the State and encourage the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the enormous and invaluable contributions our Armed Forces make to our island community, the nation, and the world.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this sixth day of May 2016.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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