



Proclamation
In Recognition of
National Police Week

WHEREAS, National Police Week recognizes and honors the service and sacrifice of those law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Hawai'i State Sheriff Division and Narcotics Enforcement Division, who play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of people in the State of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, nearly 60,000 assaults against law enforcement officers nationwide are reported each year, resulting in approximately 16,000 injuries; and

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1791, almost 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty, including members of the State Sheriff Division; and

WHEREAS, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C., where many new names of fallen heroes are being added this spring, including 123 officers killed in 2015 and 129 officers killed in previous years; and

WHEREAS, for the past four years, Hawai'i Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation has continued to work toward funding the construction of a monument in Hawai'i to honor law enforcement officers from city, county, state, military and federal agencies who died in the line of duty while serving the people of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, there are currently more than 60 names that will be placed on the Hawai'i memorial when it is completed, including Deputy Sheriff Daniel Browne Sanchez who was shot and killed on February 10, 2007, while attempting to take action against an armed robbery assailant while off duty; and

WHEREAS, the Congress and President of the United States have also designated May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, which falls during National Police Week;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 15 - 21, 2016 as

“LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS’ WEEK”

and May 15, 2016 as

“PEACE OFFICERS’ MEMORIAL DAY”

in Hawai'i, and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing and commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, for their courageous deeds and dedication, to honor those officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community, and to pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

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

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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