



Proclamation

In Recognition of

Peace Officers Memorial Day and Law Enforcement Officers Week 2017

WHEREAS, Peace Officers Memorial Day and National Police Week pay tribute to all peace officers who died or became disabled 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 essential roles in safeguarding our rights and freedoms in 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, nearly 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and have been killed in the line of duty since the first recorded death in 1791, including members of the Hawai'i 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.; and

WHEREAS, for the past five years the Hawai'i Law Enforcement Foundation worked with community stakeholders to construct and dedicate a monument in Hawai'i to honor law enforcement officers from city, county, state, military and federal agencies who have died in the line of duty while serving the people of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Law Enforcement Memorial, completed in 2016, currently holds the names of more than 60 law enforcement officers, 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, Congress and the President of the United States have designated May 15th 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 14-20, 2017 as

“LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WEEK”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in honoring our law enforcement officers, past and present, for their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, dedicated service to our communities, and their pledge to preserve the rights and security of all residents. On Peace Officers Memorial Day, we ask that everyone take a moment to pause and honor those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in the performance of duty and recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twelfth day of May 2017.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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