



# *Proclamation*

## *In Recognition of*

### **Disabled American Veterans Week**

**WHEREAS**, the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), founded in 1920 and federally chartered by Congress in 1932, serves to empower veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity, ensures that veterans and their families can access the full range of benefits available to them, fights for the interests of America's injured heroes on Capitol Hill, and educates the public about the great sacrifices and needs of veterans transitioning back to civilian life; and

**WHEREAS**, the DAV provides free, professional assistance to veterans and their families in obtaining benefits and services, outreach on program services and resources, a network of state-level departments and local DAV chapters, job fairs, and a variety of volunteer programs through which disabled veterans can express their compassion for other veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, the DAV Department of Hawai'i, consisting of eight chapters, was chartered by the National DAV on July 14, 1945 by petition of Hawai'i's disabled veterans returning from World War II; and

**WHEREAS**, the DAV Department of Hawai'i erected the Keehi Lagoon Memorial in 1961 to honor their comrades who made the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of liberty and their country; and

**WHEREAS**, the DAV Department of Hawai'i along with the Hawai'i DAV Auxiliary continues to support veterans of all generations and help them overcome challenges in securing the benefits that they earned through their military service; and

**WHEREAS**, the DAV Department of Hawai'i and Hawai'i DAV Auxiliary celebrates the 66th annual DAV State Convention with National DAV Commander David W. Riley, National DAV Auxiliary Commander Frances J. Costa, and many delegates from Hawai'i;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 4 - 10, 2017 as**

### **“DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS WEEK”**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing those who have risked so much for our country and to stand with them as they work to rebuild their lives back home.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fourth day of April 2017.

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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