WHEREAS, for 242 years, citizens from every walk of life have made sacrifices to maintain American liberty and protect our values, here and around the world; and

WHEREAS, today more than one million citizens nationwide continue this proud legacy as members of the all-volunteer National Guard and Reserve; and

WHEREAS, during times of national and state activation, Hawai‘i employers and communities rally around our National Guard and Reserve members and their families when duty calls; and

WHEREAS, employers support members whether it’s training on weekends; responding to crises across our nation; or deploying to the far reaches of the world to support global peace; and easing the transition from life on the home front to military service, and back again; and

WHEREAS, in recent years Hawai‘i National Guard members supported the state’s disaster preparedness and recovery efforts on the neighbor islands during tropical storms and heavy rains, and also have been deployed to Kuwait, Iraq, and Afghanistan;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, do hereby proclaim August 21 - 25, 2017 as

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in Hawai‘i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join in recognizing the many ways Hawai‘i’s employers support National Guard and Reserve members throughout the Hawaiian Islands.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, this seventeenth day of August 2017.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai‘i

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