



Proclamation

In Recognition of

U.S. Army Nurse Corps 117th Birthday

WHEREAS, the United States Army Nurse Corps (ANC) was formally established by Congress on February 2, 1901 as one of the branches of the Army Medical Department; and

WHEREAS, during World War I the ANC ranks swelled from 403 active duty nurses and 170 reserve nurses to 21,480 members in service on November 11, 1918, Armistice Day; and

WHEREAS, more than 22,400 American women left their homes and families to serve in the ANC during and immediately after World War I, with many thousands serving overseas in France, Belgium, England, Italy, and Serbia as well as Puerto Rico and the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, legions of men and women have served in the ANC since World War I, with many working in war zones where their extraordinary courage, resourcefulness and toughness have helped save thousands of lives; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the ANC is "to provide responsive, innovative, and evidence-based nursing care integrated on the Army Medicine Team to enhance readiness, preserve life and function, and promote health and wellness for all those entrusted to our care;" and

WHEREAS, the theme of this year's ANC anniversary is "Keeping You in the Fight Since 1901;"

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim January 29 - February 3, 2018 as

"U.S. ARMY NURSE CORPS WEEK"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the importance, contributions and sacrifices of the men and women serving in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this third day of January 2018.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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