



# *Proclamation*

## *In Recognition of*

## **Gold Star Awareness Month**

**WHEREAS**, during World War I when American families displayed flags with a gold star for each loved one lost in military service in their homes, businesses, schools and churches; and

**WHEREAS**, today, our nation recognizes the sacrifice that all Gold Star families make when a father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter or other loved one dies in service to our country; and

**WHEREAS**, Gold Star families are immediate relatives of members of the U.S. Armed Forces killed in a combat zone; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gold Star is worn to signify the family members' pride in the sacrifice of a loved one, rather than mourn the unfortunate loss of life; and

**WHEREAS**, our nation owes a great debt of gratitude to these families who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our ideals, principles and way of life; and

**WHEREAS**, less than 1% of our nation's population serve in our military, and we have an obligation to acknowledge their sacrifice and support the family members behind them; and

**WHEREAS**, Gold Star families truly represent the best of our nation, having given so much to our nation's security and freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, in conjunction with Memorial Day, we remember our commitment to Gold Star families who carry on with pride and courage;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 2018 as**

## **"Gold Star Awareness Month"**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing Gold Star families, acknowledge their sacrifice and share their pride as they remember and honor their fallen family members.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twelfth day of March 2018.

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

DOUGLAS S. CHIN  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i