



Proclamation

Presented to

United States Pacific Command

WHEREAS, National Military Appreciation Month, first designated in May 1999, gives the opportunity for our nation to publicly demonstrate appreciation for the sacrifices and successes of our past and present service members; and

WHEREAS, the month of May includes many days to celebrate and commemorate our military's achievements: Loyalty Day (May 1), Public Service Recognition Week (May 6-12), Victory in Europe Day (May 8), Military Spouse Appreciation Day (May 12), Armed Forces Day (May 20), and Memorial Day (May 28); and

WHEREAS, the commitment, vigilance, and sacrifice of active and retired veterans of the Armed Forces, including the Coast Guard, Reserves, and National Guard, continue to ensure the freedom, security and prosperity of the people of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, no nation in the world is more capable than the United States to preserve peace whenever tensions arise, implement decisive action in partnership with our allies, and support humanitarian missions; and

WHEREAS, the unique geographical location of Hawai'i, home to the U.S. Pacific Command headquarters whose area of responsibility encompasses 36 countries and more than half of the world's population, enables our state to play a vital role in our nation's security; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i is honored to serve as home to military personnel and their families who represent a vital and vibrant part of our island 'ohana; and

WHEREAS, community members, businesses, military units, and other organizations are encouraged to recognize military members and their families with special events such as family activities and retail discounts; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i partners with organizations such as the Military Affairs Council of the Chamber of Commerce Hawai'i to celebrate the military's significant contributions which make our state safe, strong and successful;

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

“HAWAI'I MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in honoring all military personnel who gave their lives in defense of our freedom, show appreciation by shaking the hands of persons in uniform, and recognize the enormous and invaluable contributions our Armed Forces and their families make to our island community, the nation, and the world.

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

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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