



Proclamation

WHEREAS, National Military Appreciation Month was first designated in May 1999 as a symbol of national unity to honor the commitment, vigilance, sacrifices and accomplishments of our U.S. Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the month includes a number of occasions to celebrate the contributions of our service members: Loyalty Day (May 1), Public Service Recognition Week (May 5-11), Victory in Europe Day (May 8), Military Spouse Appreciation Day (May 10), Armed Forces Day (May 18), and Memorial Day (May 27); and

WHEREAS, the observance of these occasions allows us to remember, recognize, and appreciate all military personnel, including members of the Coast Guard, Reserves, and National Guard, who help ensure the freedom, security, and prosperity of the people of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the brave efforts of our Armed Forces help preserve peace when tensions arise and support humanitarian missions around the world when disaster strikes; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i plays a vital role in our nation's security by being home to the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command headquarters whose area of responsibility encompasses 36 countries and more than half of the world's population; and

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

WHEREAS, Hawai'i proudly partners with organizations such as the Military Affairs Council of the Chamber of Commerce Hawai'i to celebrate the significant contributions of our Armed Forces personnel;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 2019 as

"MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in honoring all military personnel, past and present, for their courage, patriotism, and sacrifice in defending the shared ideals and liberties that all Americans cherish.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-ninth day of April 2019.

JOSHUA B. GREEN
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i