



In Recognition of **75th Anniversary of D-Day**

WHEREAS, World War II began on September 1, 1939 in Europe and Asia between two military alliances, the Allies and the Axis, while the United States remained neutral at the outbreak of this global war; and

WHEREAS, on December 7, 1941, the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor Hawai'i by Japanese forces drew the United States into World War II, and America joined the Allied forces; and

WHEREAS, the Allied forces launched the Battle of Normandy to free German-occupied Western Europe on June 6, 1944, also known as D-Day; and

WHEREAS, the Allied forces' Operation Overlord—the largest land, air and sea operation ever undertaken in history—was launched on D-Day with 156,000 American, British, and Canadian forces landing on five beaches along a 50-mile stretch of the heavily fortified coast of France's Normandy region; and

WHEREAS, in what is known as the beginning of the end of war in Europe, this solemn day reminds us of the brave men and women who fought to preserve our freedom, liberty and peace; and

WHEREAS, the people of Hawai'i and the people of France share a special and historic bond because of the thousands of armed forces, including the 100th Battalion/442nd Infantry Regiment, and civilians, whose sacrifice and heroism will never be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, one of the many heroes of WWII include Hawai'i's very own Captain William W. "Bill" Paty who commanded the Apache Company, 1st Battalion, 501st Parachute Regiment of the famed 101st Airborne "Screaming Eagles" Division, and parachuted with 6,700 other soldiers as part of the Allied liberation of Europe;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby recognize the courage, dedication, sacrifices of our citizens and military, and the shared heritage of freedom between Hawai'i and Normandy on the 75th anniversary of D-Day.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twentieth day of May 2019.

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

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i