



Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 1918, WWI Army Captain Robert L. Queisser, who had two sons serving on the front line, designed the Blue Star Service Flag—a banner with a blue star on a white field edged with a red border; and

WHEREAS, the number of stars on the Blue Star Service Flag corresponded with the number of family members in military service; and

WHEREAS, families hung the Blue Star Service Flag in a window to let the community know that their loved ones were defending the nation and fighting for freedom; and

WHEREAS, when a family member was killed in action, the blue star was replaced with a gold one, signifying the family's loss and ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, the gold star tradition continues to this day for families of servicemembers killed in action; and

WHEREAS, the Gold Star Lapel Button is presented to immediate family members of servicemembers killed while engaged in actions against enemies of the United States; as the result of an international terrorist attack; or as the result of military operations while serving overseas as part of a peacekeeping force; and

WHEREAS, the Gold Star Wives of America, a congressionally chartered nonprofit, along with the gold star programs in United States Armed Forces, provide services, support and friendship to widows and widowers of military personnel killed in action;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April 5, 2021 as

“GOLD STAR SPOUSES DAY”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in showing support for Gold Star Spouses for their sacrifices and honoring the legacy of their loved ones who died while serving our nation.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fifteenth day of March 2021.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i