Proclamation

WHEREAS, National Police Week, hereafter referred to as National Law Enforcement Officers’ Week, honors the service and sacrifice of those law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Hawai‘i State Sheriff Division and Narcotics Enforcement Division play essential roles in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the State of Hawai‘i; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Hawai‘i State Sheriff Division and Narcotics Enforcement Division; and

WHEREAS, nearly 60,000 assaults against law enforcement officers nationwide are reported each year, resulting in approximately 16,000 injuries; and

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1791, nearly 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and have been killed in the line of duty, including members of the State Sheriff Division; and

WHEREAS, the names of those dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Peace Officers Memorial Day will be observed on May 15th to honor the courageous law enforcement officers who were disabled or killed in the line of duty;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, do hereby proclaim May 11–17, 2022 as “NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS’ WEEK” in Hawai‘i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in honoring the men and women who have sworn to protect and serve our communities; appreciate the families of law enforcement officers for their support and sacrifice; and commemorate the officers, sheriffs and agents who gave up their lives in the line of duty.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, this twenty-ninth day of April 2022.

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DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai‘i