



# *Proclamation*

## *In Recognition of*

# **POW/MIA Recognition Day**

**WHEREAS**, a Congressional act on July 18, 1979 authorized the observance of National POW/MIA Recognition Day on the third Friday of every September to honor the extraordinary heroism of the brave, selfless service members who sacrificed their freedom or lives so that their fellow Americans may continue to live in peace and liberty; and

**WHEREAS**, the National League of Families POW/MIA flag is a reminder of our responsibility as American citizens to stand behind those who serve our nation as well as to do everything possible to account for those who have yet to return; and

**WHEREAS**, the National League of Families POW/MIA flag will be flown at designated federal institutions, on the grounds of the Hawai'i State Capitol and the headquarters of the State Department of Defense on Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, National POW/MIA Recognition Day and Veterans Day; and

**WHEREAS**, the consolidated Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, located at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, is committed to the mission of recovery and accounting of missing service members from past conflicts with better management of family services, state-of-the-art equipment for research and identification, and efficient operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Hawai'i will always honor and never forget these men of courage: USAF 1<sup>st</sup> Lt David Anthony Lum, USMC 1<sup>st</sup> Lt John Robert Peacock II, USA SSG Klaus Jurgen Bingham, USA SGT Leonard Masayon Tadios, USAF SrA Ronald Kazuo Miyazaki, USA CPL Richard D. Martin, and John R. Tavares; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eternal Flame memorial in Honolulu, dedicated to all the brave men and women of Hawai'i who served in the U.S. Armed Forces, will remain lit with love and *aloha* from Hawai'i for these missing men and their journey home;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim September 16, 2016 as**

## **"POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY"**

in Hawai'i, and encourage all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in observing this day with appropriate ceremonies in honor of all former American prisoners of war, missing service members and civilians, and their beloved families and friends.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, in Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this ninth day of September 2016.

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i