



# *Proclamation*

## *In Recognition of*

### **Hawai'i Women Veterans' Appreciation Day**

**WHEREAS**, women have served honorably and courageously in all of America's wars and conflicts since the American Revolution; and

**WHEREAS**, women served in the military long before they could vote; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Military has evolved from a predominately male force to one with more than 15 percent women who are currently serving on active duty and 18 percent who are serving in the Reserves and National Guard; and

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative that women veterans receive the recognition and support earned by their service to our great nation; and

**WHEREAS**, with a rapidly increasing number of women serving in the military today and returning from deployments as seasoned veterans with exposure to combat, the Hawai'i Office of Veteran Services and veteran service organizations across our state and nation are working to ensure that the post-deployment mental and physical health needs unique to women veterans are being met; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i Office of Veteran Services, in collaboration with the Hawai'i State Legislature, has recently established a Women Veterans Coordinator position to support Hawai'i's women veterans;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim November 19, 2016 as**

### **"HAWAI'I WOMEN VETERANS' APPRECIATION DAY"**

and encourage the people of the Aloha State to join us in honoring our women veterans and thanking them and their families for their service and sacrifice.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this twenty-fourth day of August 2016.

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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