

Proclamation Presented to the

United States Pacific Command

WHEREAS, National Military Appreciation Month was first designated in May 1999 to ensure the nation was given the opportunity to publicly demonstrate its appreciation for the sacrifices and successes of our past and present service members; and

WHEREAS, the commitment, vigilance, and sacrifice of the members of the Armed Forces, including the Coast Guard, Reserves, and National Guard, continues to ensure the freedom, security and prosperity of the people of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, no forces in the world are more capable than ours in executing the foreign policies of the United States to preserve peace whenever tensions arise, implement decisive action in partnership with our allies. and support humanitarian missions; and

WHEREAS, the unique geographical location of Hawai'i, home to the U.S. Pacific Command headquarters whose area of responsibility encompasses 36 countries and more than half of the world's population, enables our State to play a vital role in our nation's security; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i is honored to serve as home to more than 100,000 military personnel and their families who are a vital and vibrant part of our island 'ohana; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i partners with organizations such as the Military Affairs Council of the Chamber of Commerce Hawai'i and others to celebrate the incredible contributions that the military make to our great State;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 2017 as

"HAWAI'I MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH"

and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the enormous and invaluable contributions our Armed Forces make to our island community, the nation, and the world.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fifth day of May 2017.

DAVID Y. IGE

Governor, State of Hawai'i

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