

**Proclamation** In Recognition of

## **Armed Services YMCA Honolulu Centennial**

WHEREAS, in 1917 the original Royal Hawaiian Hotel, purchased by Lorrin Thurston, J.R. Galt, Walter Dillingham, Wallace Farrington, James Wakefield and several others, was converted into a YMCA for the military; and

WHEREAS, the Army Navy YMCA was established to provide a place of organized entertainment and recreation for U.S. servicemen on O'ahu; and

WHEREAS, a new Army Navy YMCA facility was built on 250 S. Hotel Street and opened on March 17, 1928, which is now listed in the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, the Army Navy YMCA provided and arranged for shelter and refuge for over 100 military families following the December 7,1941 attack on Pearl Harbor: and

WHEREAS, in 1948 the Army Navy YMCA changed its name to Armed Services YMCA (ASYMCA) and began providing more programs and services to military family members; and

WHEREAS, in the late 1980s ASYMCA relocated their facilities onto Wheeler Army Airfield, Marine Corps Base Hawai'i and Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, making them more accessible to military families; and

WHEREAS, today the ASYMCA continues to provide quality social, educational and recreational programs and services across O'ahu at ten different sites and has served nearly 50,000 members of the military community in Hawai'i last year; and

WHEREAS, ASYMCA has touched more lives in the military community than any other organization in Hawai'i and is committed to promoting its goals of strengthening military families, supporting healthy lifestyles, reducing isolation and connecting military families with their community;

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

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in Hawai'i and ask the citizens of the Aloha State to recognize the value and good works of Armed Services YMCA Honolulu and celebrate their 100 years of service to military families.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this thirtieth day of March 2017.

Governor, State of Hawai'i

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