

Proclamation In Recognition of

Children of Fallen Patriots Day

WHEREAS, the men and women of our Armed Forces continuously dedicate themselves to protecting and serving the citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS, throughout our nation's history, many have paid the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our nation's ideals and freedoms; and

WHEREAS, these fallen service members return home to their families where a folded flag represents the most solemn of rites; and

WHEREAS, nearly 20,000 dependents have been left behind by troops killed in the line of duty over the past 35 years; and

WHEREAS, we owe a great debt to those who have laid their lives for our freedoms and to the family members who have stood by their side through it all; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of Hawai'i will give pause and remember the sacrifices made by our fallen patriots as well as the children they have left behind; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i is proud to be one of the select states in the nation that has honored Children of Fallen Patriots Day on May 13, thus celebrating the past, present, and future of Hawai'i's long-standing support for the children of our fallen patriots; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i stands united with all Americans in supporting the families of our fallen patriots;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 13, 2018 as

"CHILDREN OF FALLEN PATRIOTS DAY"

in Hawai'i, and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the sacrifices our nation's patriots and their families have made and continue to make each day, and recommit ourselves to support them.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this first day of May 2018.

DAVID Y. IGE

Governor, State of Hawai'i

DOUGLAS S. CHIN

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i