



Proclamation

In Recognition of

United States Army 243rd Birthday

WHEREAS, the United States Army is the first and oldest national institution on American soil, established as the Continental Army on June 14, 1775; and

WHEREAS, the Army is the second largest employer in the United States with more than one million soldiers currently serving in the Army, including those in the Army Reserve and National Guard; and

WHEREAS, the United States Army established strong relationships with our partners and allies, as well as skilled and disciplined land forces to help deter aggression in the Pacific; and

WHEREAS, the first soldiers of the United States Army arrived in Hawai'i in 1898 and set up Camp McKinley near the foot of Diamond Head as a staging area for troops headed to the Philippines to fight in the Spanish-American War; and

WHEREAS, the United States Army was the first to accurately map the island of O'ahu; and

WHEREAS, many of O'ahu's roads were built or improved with federal funds for national defense purposes, including H-1, H-2 and H-3; and

WHEREAS, today, over 20,000 active duty soldiers and Army civilians call Hawai'i home, contributing to the state's economy, and share in Hawai'i's rich diversity and unique culture; and

WHEREAS, over 2,400 Army personnel received the Medal of Honor, our nation's highest award for valor, including 18 from Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of veterans in Hawai'i from the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Military Intelligence Service, and U.S. Army Forces of the Far East received the Congressional Gold Medal, awarded for outstanding deeds or acts of service to the security, prosperity and national interest of the United States; and

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 14, 2018 as

"UNITED STATES ARMY DAY"

in Hawai'i and encourage all our citizens to join us in celebrating the 243rd Birthday of the United States Army and honoring the courageous men and women who dedicate their lives to protect our freedom and liberty, who live up to the values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fifth day of June 2018.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

DOUGLAS S. CHIN
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i