

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the rich history and diverse cultures of the indigenous Native Americans are a part of the legacy of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Native American tribes have historically faced and conquered unique challenges and continue to do so today; and

WHEREAS, starting with the American Revolution, Native Americans have served and continue to serve in the United States Armed Forces at a higher rate per capita than any other ethnic group; and

WHEREAS, groundbreaking for the National Native American Veterans Memorial, which is dedicated to American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian veterans, is slated for 2019; and

WHEREAS, the design by Harvey Pratt, chosen for the National Native American Veterans Memorial and entitled "Warriors' Circle of Honor," was inspired by the circle of life, seasons, and planets which hold sacred meanings in different tribal cultures; and

WHEREAS, each year, along with the rest of the nation, three Hawai'i chapters of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution plan activities to recognize and honor the contributions and sacrifices of Native Americans; and

WHEREAS, activities for 2018 include World War One Centennial activities and ceremonies and chapter programs that highlight Chemawa Indian School and the American Indian boarding school in Salem, Oregon; and

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

"NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to participate in programs, ceremonies and activities that recognize the contributions of Native Americans who have preserved and enhanced the freedom, prosperity, and opportunities that our country enjoys today.

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

DAVID Y. IGE

Governor, State of Hawai'i

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