



Proclamation

WHEREAS, for 70 years, the soldiers of the “Wolfhounds” 27th Infantry Regiment, stationed at Schofield Barracks in Hawai‘i since 1921, have displayed their generous compassion and Aloha Spirit in supporting the children of the Holy Family Home orphanage in Osaka, Japan; and

WHEREAS, in 1949, Wolfhounds deployed to Osaka witnessed the poor living conditions of the Holy Family Home orphanage and subsequently raised funds and dedicated their free time to building a new home for the children under the leadership of Sergeant Hugh F. O’Reilly; and

WHEREAS, after leaving Osaka, the Wolfhounds continued to assist the Holy Family Home orphanage, beginning a tradition of sending Christmas gifts to the children each year; and

WHEREAS, since 1957, the Wolfhounds, along with other sponsors, have annually provided funds to bring children from the Holy Family Home to O’ahu for a weeklong vacation so the orphans can experience the wonders and aloha of family life in Hawai‘i; and

WHEREAS, Peace Bridge, Inc., founded in 2007 to perpetuate the efforts of the late Hugh F. O’Reilly, has made it their mission to continue and build upon this unbroken tradition of compassion and friendship between the children of the Holy Family Home orphanage in Osaka, the Wolfhounds, and the State of Hawai‘i; and

WHEREAS, families from the 2nd & 1st Battalion “Wolfhounds” at Schofield Barracks volunteer as homestay hosts for the two girls and two boys from the Holy Family Home who will arrive in Hawai‘i on July 23, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the visiting children will experience the host culture of O’ahu, supported by community partnerships with Hilton Hotels, KoAloha Ukulele, Hawai‘i Museum of Art, Outrigger Canoe Club, Waikiki Aquarium, Menhune Mac Factory and other generous local sponsors; and

WHEREAS, the Wolfhounds have displayed an unwavering commitment to the Holy Family Home orphanage – through war, conflict, and foreign deployments – thereby giving hope and joy to hundreds of children while strengthening the friendship between the people of Japan, the State of Hawai‘i, and the United States;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, do hereby proclaim July 23, 2019 as

“WOLFHOUSES DAY”

in Hawai‘i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to welcome the visiting children from the Osaka Holy Family Home to Hawai‘i while extending our deep gratitude to the Wolfhounds and Peace Bridge, Inc. for continuing this outstanding and compassionate tradition.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, this seventeenth day of July 2019.



JOSHUA B. GREEN
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai‘i



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai‘i