

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the Korean War began June 25, 1950 and officially ended on July 27, 1953 with the signing of an armistice which drew a new border and created the Demilitarized Zone that separated North and South Korea; and

**WHEREAS,** in a divided country with opposing ideologies and visions for the future, the Republic of Korea (South Korea) allied with the United States with hopes of establishing a unified nation under one ruling government, and to this day, the United States and the Republic of Korea stand together as strong allies and economic partners; and

WHEREAS, nearly 6 million Americans served in the Korean War; and

**WHEREAS,** about 25,000 from Hawai'i served in the war with over 400 killed in action and over 900 wounded; and

**WHEREAS,** in Hawai'i, more than 8,000 names of Americans missing in action from the Korean War are inscribed on the Honolulu Memorial at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific; and

**WHEREAS**, the Korean War Memorial on the Hawai'i State Capitol grounds bears the names of the 456 Hawai'i men who died in the war; and

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor** of the **State of Hawai'i,** do hereby proclaim June 25, 2020 as

## "KOREAN WAR REMEMBRANCE DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in this observance of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the Korean War and honor the Korean War veterans and their families for their brave and selfless sacrifice.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this first day of June 2020.

DAVID Y. IGE Governor, State of Hawai'i