

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Medal of Honor is the highest military award for valor in combat across all branches of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the Medal of Honor was established in 1861 by President Abraham Lincoln, and the first Medal of Honor was awarded on March 25, 1863; and

WHEREAS, fewer than 4,000 individuals have received the Medal of Honor across our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, recipients of the Medal of Honor are the only individuals whom the President and military of all ranks salute; and

WHEREAS, on March 25 at 3:25 p.m., all Americans are encouraged to pause, reflect and pay tribute to these heroes in a Moment of Honor; and

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the **State of Hawai'i,** do hereby proclaim March 25, 2021 as

"NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in paying tribute to those who received our nation's highest award for valor in combat and remember their bravery, courage, sacrifice, integrity and love of country.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this eleventh day of March 2021.

Governor, State of Hawai'i