

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the commitment, vigilance and sacrifices of the members of the United States Armed Forces, including the Coast Guard, Reserves and National Guard, continue to ensure the freedom, security and prosperity of the people across the nation; and

WHEREAS, our nation designates each May as Military Appreciation Month to publicly demonstrate our appreciation for the sacrifices and achievements of our service members—past and present; and

WHEREAS, the United States Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM), located in Hawai'i, plays a vital part in our nation's security, protecting and defending the territory of the United States, its people, and its interests; preserving peace in the region; partnering with allies; and contributing to humanitarian efforts; and

WHEREAS, the men and women who serve under USINDOPACOM are responsible for an area that encompasses 36 nations and half of the world's population, massive economies, and major strategic military challenges; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i is honored to serve as home to more than 100,000 military personnel in all branches of service and their families who are a vital and vibrant part of our island 'ohana; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i partners with organizations such as the Military Affairs Council, the Chamber of Commerce Hawai'i and others to celebrate the incredible contributions that the military makes to our great state;

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

"MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH"

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to join me in recognizing the enormous and invaluable contributions our Armed Forces make to our island community, the nation, and the world.

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

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Governor, State of Hawai'i