



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), founded in 1920 and federally chartered by Congress in 1932, serves to empower veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity, ensures that veterans and their families can access the full range of benefits available to them, fights for the interests of America's injured heroes on Capitol Hill, and educates the public about the great sacrifices and needs of veterans transitioning back to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, the DAV provides free, professional assistance to veterans and their families in obtaining benefits and services, outreach for program services and resources, a network of state-level departments and local DAV chapters, job fairs, and a variety of volunteer programs through which disabled veterans can express their compassion for other veterans; and

WHEREAS, the DAV Department of Hawai'i, consisting of several chapters throughout the state, was chartered by the National DAV on July 14, 1945 by petition of Hawai'i's disabled veterans returning from World War II; and

WHEREAS, the DAV Department of Hawai'i, by executive order of Governor Oren E. Long, built and erected the Ke'ehi Lagoon Memorial in 1961 to honor their comrades who made the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of liberty and their country; and

WHEREAS, the DAV Department of Hawai'i continues to work with community partners to support veterans of all generations and help them overcome challenges in securing the benefits that they earned through their military service; and

WHEREAS, the DAV Department of Hawai'i is celebrating the 69th annual DAV Hawai'i State Convention with DAV National Senior Vice Commander Joe Parsetich, DAV District 18 National Executive Committeeman Glenn Hohman, as well as many delegates from Hawai'i;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 5-11, 2022 as

“DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS WEEK”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to recognize those who have risked so much for our country, and to stand with them as they work to rebuild their lives back home.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this sixteenth day of May 2022.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i