

Proclamation

WHEREAS, National Military Appreciation Month, first designated in May 1999, gives our nation the opportunity to publicly show our appreciation for the sacrifices and services of our past and present service members; and

WHEREAS, the month of May includes many days to celebrate and commemorate our military's achievements: Loyalty Day (May 1), Public Service Recognition Week (May 1–7), Military Spouse Appreciation Day (May 6), Victory in Europe Day (May 8), Armed Forces Day (May 21), and Memorial Day (May 30); and

WHEREAS, the United States Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM) is headquartered in Hawai'i, and as one of six geographic combatant commands defined by the Department of Defense's Unified Command Plan, is in charge of using and integrating United States Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps forces within the USINDOPACOM area of responsibility to achieve U.S. national security objectives while protecting national interests; and

WHEREAS, in concert with other U.S. Government agencies, USINDOPACOM protects and defends the territory of the United States, its people, and its interests; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i is honored to serve as home to military personnel in all branches of service and their families who represent 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 of the Chamber of Commerce Hawai'i to celebrate the military's significant contributions which make our state safe, strong, and successful;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 2022 as

"MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in honoring all past and present military members for their courage, patriotism, and sacrifice in defending the shared ideals and liberties that all Americans cherish.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-fifth day of April 2022.

DAVID Y. IGE

Governor, State of Hawai'i

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