

Proclamation In Recognition of

Patriot Day

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2001, President George W. Bush signed a bill designating September 11 of each year as "Patriot Day" to pay tribute to the nearly 3,000 civilians and first responders of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks; and

WHEREAS, more than 400 first responders—firefighters, law enforcement officers, emergency rescue workers, and military personnel—bravely sacrificed their lives to aid their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, courage and selflessness knew no bounds when neighbors helped neighbors and strangers helped strangers, regardless of race, gender, age, background or faith; and

WHEREAS, the tenacity and resilience of the people brought the nation together as Americans with a renewed spirit of patriotism; and

WHEREAS, our patriotism has continued to carry our nation through the darkest days of history and strengthen our commitment to the ideals upon which our country was founded; and

WHEREAS, Patriot Day is a time to reflect on the principles set forth by our Founding Fathers who helped make America the nation it is today, one that respects differences, embraces diversity and values our people; and

WHEREAS, the freedom and liberty we enjoy today at home and abroad is due to the service and commitment of individuals and communities that work together to protect our values, lives, families and nation;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2018 as

"PATRIOT DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in observing this day as we honor and remember the heroes of the September 11, 2001 terror attacks, recognize the families and survivors, give thanks to those who serve the people and protect our country, and renew our commitment to preserving America's spirit of patriotism by looking to America's past, present and future.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this ninth day of August 2018.

Governor, State of Hawai'i

Lt. Governor. State of Hawai'i