



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of the “Wolfhounds” 27th Infantry Regiment

WHEREAS, Wolfhounds Day reminds us that on Christmas Day 1949, members of the Hawai‘i-based 27th Infantry Regiment, led by Sgt. Maj. Hugh O’Reilly and a Red Cross representative, held a Christmas Party at the Holy Family Home orphanage in Osaka, Japan; and

WHEREAS, Wolfhounds Day highlights that the Regiment, known as the Wolfhounds, was touched by the very difficult living conditions of the orphans during Japan’s post-war reconstruction, earning the nickname of the “Gentle Wolfhounds” for their efforts to help restore the orphanage, the first gestures in a dedicated relationship sustained to this day by generations of Wolfhounds soldiers; and

WHEREAS, Wolfhounds Day recognizes that the Wolfhounds adopted Holy Family Home, supporting the orphans and the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul by donating food and supplies and building a new orphanage, with Sgt. Maj. O’Reilly continuing a lifelong mission to rally support for the orphanage in the regiment, particularly through generous pass-the-helmet donations from the Regiment’s enlisted men; and

WHEREAS, Wolfhounds Day underlines that in 1957, the Regiment began another tradition of annually welcoming orphans to Hawai‘i to enjoy the warmth of the Aloha State and family life with army host *‘ohana*; and

WHEREAS, Wolfhounds Day emphasizes that Hugh O’Reilly established Peace Bridge, Inc. in Hawai‘i in 2007 to both carry on his father’s legacy and enlist a broad base of local supporters to ensure the continuing strength of this tradition, with plans to establish scholarships for Holy Family Home orphans to pursue studies in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Wolfhounds Day raises awareness that on July 28, 2014, the Wolfhounds will join senior military officials and dignitaries to welcome the latest group of orphans to Honolulu to embark on a joyful stay with a host family; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai‘i, do hereby proclaim July 28, 2014, as

“WOLFHOOUNDS DAY”

in Hawai‘i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the 27th Infantry Regiment’s soldiers for bringing the strength of their backgrounds and character together in a wonderful expression of the Aloha Spirit of their island home in this enduring partnership.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, this twenty-fourth day of July, 2014.


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai‘i


SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai‘i