



Proclamation

WHEREAS, World War I remains America's forgotten war, even though more Americans gave their lives during that war than in the Korean and Vietnam Wars combined, and more than 10,000 men from the Territory of Hawai'i volunteered to serve; and

WHEREAS, the National World War One Centennial Commission, established by the World War One Centennial Commission Act, is responsible for developing and executing projects and activities to commemorate the centennial of World War I, and encouraging organizations and state and local governments to engage the public in related activities; and

WHEREAS on August 29, 2015, Governor David Ige authorized the formation of the Hawai'i World War I Centennial Task Force to lead our state's commemoration of World War I; and

WHEREAS, November is observed as National American Indian Heritage Month in recognition of the significant contributions of American Indians that have enhanced the freedom, prosperity, and distinction of our country; and

WHEREAS, although many were not considered citizens at the time and could not be drafted, Native American Indians enlisting voluntarily in WWI, served in every category of military service, and contributed to the war effort by buying Liberty Bonds, working for the Red Cross, and participating in general wartime work; and

WHEREAS, an American Indian regiment provided a solution to the interception of troop movement and operation transmission of by using the Choctaw language to transmit these messages; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Centennial Task Force will recognize and celebrate the valuable contributions of the American Indians during WWI with events in partnership with our American Indian community,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KIRK CALDWELL, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, do hereby proclaim November 2016, to be

AMERICAN INDIANS IN WORLD WAR I MONTH

in support of the Hawai'i World War One Centennial Task Force efforts to commemorate WWI and honor and appreciate the significant involvement of American Indians.



Done this 30th day of November, 2016,
in Honolulu, Hawai'i.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kirk Caldwell", is written over a horizontal line.

KIRK CALDWELL