



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
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NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
GOVERNOR

June 21, 2013

**GOV. MSG. NO. 1242**

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

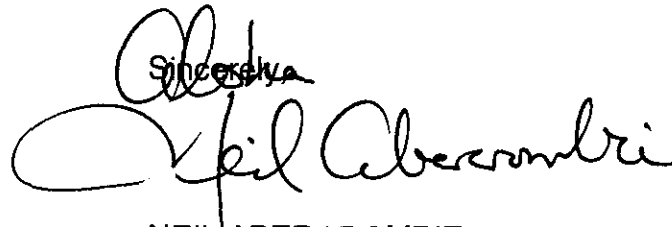
The Honorable Joseph M. Souki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kim, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 21, 2013, the following bill was signed into law:

SB551 SD2 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO A MEMORIAL  
**ACT 139 (13)**

*Sincerely,*  


NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawaii

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO A MEMORIAL.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The freedom and security that United States  
2 citizens enjoy today are direct results of the sacrifices and  
3 continued vigilance of the United States armed forces over the  
4 course of our nation's history. The sacrifices of the members  
5 of the United States armed forces have preserved the liberties  
6 of this nation that have made it unique in the world community.  
7 Members of the United States armed forces engaged in the Persian  
8 Gulf War, from August 2, 1990, to February 28, 1991, which  
9 culminated in the liberation of Kuwait from Iraq. The United  
10 States air-and-land conflict, known as Operation Desert Storm,  
11 began on January 17, 1991, and lasted through April 11, 1991.  
12 Operation Iraqi Freedom was a military campaign led by United  
13 States troops that began on March 20, 2003, and lasted through  
14 August 31, 2010. It was later named "Operation New Dawn" on  
15 September 1, 2010. Also known as the "War in Afghanistan",  
16 Operation Enduring Freedom is an ongoing war effort that began  
17 on October 7, 2001. Members of the United States armed forces  
18 also engaged in the Global War on Terrorism, Homeland Defense,



1 and Operation Noble Eagle, and protected our borders by land,  
2 sea, and air. On July 24, 1994, Hawaii dedicated the Korean and  
3 Vietnam Memorial on the grounds of the State Capitol. Thus, it  
4 is both fitting and necessary for the State to give tangible and  
5 visible recognition of the sacrifices and contributions of  
6 veterans from Hawaii who served in the Persian Gulf War,  
7 Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation  
8 Enduring Freedom, Operation New Dawn, Global War on Terrorism,  
9 Homeland Defense, and Operation Noble Eagle, and who protected  
10 our borders by land, sea, and air.

11 SECTION 2. The office of veterans services, with the  
12 assistance of the department of accounting and general services,  
13 the department of defense, and the state historic preservation  
14 division, shall develop a plan to establish a memorial honoring  
15 the veterans of the Persian Gulf War, Operation Desert Storm,  
16 Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation  
17 New Dawn, Global War on Terrorism, Homeland Defense, and  
18 Operation Noble Eagle, and those who have protected our borders  
19 by land, sea, and air.

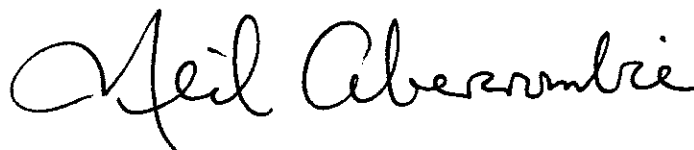
20 A public hearing shall be held to receive comments or input  
21 from interested organizations and residents.



1 SECTION 3. The office of veterans services, with the  
2 assistance of the department of accounting and general services,  
3 department of defense, and state historic preservation division,  
4 shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the  
5 legislature no later than January 1, 2014.

6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this 21 day of JUN, 2013



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII