

JAN 23 2014

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GOLD STAR FAMILY DAY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there is a need to
2 honor, support, and cherish the families of those United States
3 Armed Forces members who have bravely sacrificed their lives for
4 their country.

5 On June 23, 1936, a joint congressional resolution
6 designated the last Sunday in September as Gold Star Mother's
7 Day to honor the mothers of those men and women who gave their
8 lives for their country while serving in the United States Armed
9 Forces in times of war or conflict. Gold Star Mother's Day has
10 been observed every year since by presidential proclamation. In
11 September 2009, President Barack Obama renamed the last day in
12 September as Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day and included
13 family members as part of the honorees.

14 A total of seven states - Illinois, North Dakota, New
15 Jersey, New York, Ohio, Tennessee, and Wisconsin - and Guam have
16 enacted legislation to recognize Gold Star Mother's and Family's
17 Day.



1 The purpose of this Act is to establish Gold Star Family
 2 Day in Hawaii which designates a specific day to honor family
 3 members of those men and women who gave their lives to their
 4 country while serving with the United States Armed Forces in
 5 times of war or during a period of hostilities.

6 SECTION 2. Chapter 8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
 7 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
 8 read as follows:

9 "§8- Gold Star Family Day. The last Sunday in September
 10 shall be known as "Gold Star Family Day", in recognition of
 11 family members of those men and women who gave their lives to
 12 their country while serving with the armed forces of the United
 13 States in time of war or during a period of hostilities. This
 14 day is not and shall not be construed to be a state holiday."

15 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Gold Star Family Day; Armed Forces

Description:

Designates the last Sunday in September as "Gold Star Family Day".

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