

County of Maui

Proclamation

WHEREAS, on October 13, 1775, the Second Continental Congress founded what is now the United States Navy, marking the beginning of America's naval power; and

WHEREAS, by 1776 the Colonies had 27 warships against more than 270 in the British fleet, yet the Continental Navy captured hundreds of vessels and helped secure victory in the Revolutionary War; and

WHEREAS, after independence, the U.S. Constitution empowered Congress "to provide and maintain a navy," and in 1798 the Department of the Navy was established; and

WHEREAS, for 250 years the U.S. Navy has defended our nation, protected freedom of the seas, and advanced America's role as a maritime power; and

WHEREAS, today the Navy remains America's forward-deployed force, serving as a vital instrument of national defense and foreign policy, while Sailors continue to exemplify honor, courage, and commitment.

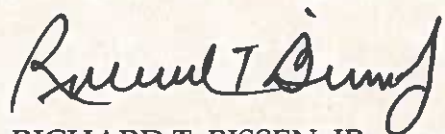
NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD T. BISSEN, JR., Mayor of the County of Maui, do hereby proclaim October 13, 2025, as

UNITED STATES NAVY 250TH ANNIVERSARY DAY

throughout Maui County and encourage all residents to join in honoring the Navy's proud legacy and the generations of Sailors who have safeguarded our nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
and caused the seal of the County of Maui to be affixed hereto.

DONE at Wailuku, Maui, Hawai'i,
on this 6th day of October, 2025.



RICHARD T. BISSEN, JR.
Mayor, County of Maui

