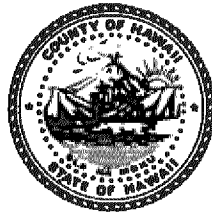


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EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Chapter 127A Hawai'i Revised Statutes, provides for the establishment of County organizations for emergency management and disaster relief with the Mayor having direct responsibility and authority over emergency management within the County.

WHEREAS, Chapter 127A Hawai'i Revised Statutes and Chapter 7, Articles 1 and 2 of the Hawai'i County Code, establishes a Civil Defense Agency within the County of Hawai'i and prescribes its powers, duties, and responsibilities, and Section 13-23 of the Hawai'i County Charter empowers the Mayor of the County to declare emergencies; and

WHEREAS, On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern due to a respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus that was first detected in Wuhan City Hubei Province, China; and

WHEREAS, this novel coronavirus, renamed "COVID-19," has infected tens of thousands in parts of China, and has spread to other countries, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") is the leading national public health institute of the United States and under the federal Department of Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS the CDC has been working closely with state and local partners, as well as public health partners to respond to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the CDC recommends getting the flu vaccine, taking every day preventative actions to help stop the spread of germs, and taking flu antivirals if prescribed; and

WHEREAS, while there have been no reported cases in the County of Hawai'i and the State of Hawai'i, the State of Hawai'i Department of Health recommends getting the seasonal flu shot; frequent washing of hands, if soap and water is not readily available then use an alcohol based sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol; avoid touching of eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands; and practice healthy cough etiquette; and

WHEREAS, Section 127A-12 Hawai'i Revised Statutes, as amended, provides for the authority of the Mayor to sponsor and enter into mutual aid programs; receive, expend and use contributions or grants and procure federal aid; and


WHEREAS, Section 127A-13(B) of Hawai'i Revised Statutes, amended, provides for the authority of the Mayor to relieve hardships and inequities or obstructions to public health, safety or welfare found by the Mayor to exist in the laws of the county and suspend the same in part or in whole; and

WHEREAS, while recognizing that the County of Hawai'i and the State of Hawai'i have no reported COVID-19 cases, the County of Hawai'i will be increasing promotion of precautionary measures as recommended by the CDC and State of Hawai'i Department of Health by increasing County-wide programs to prevent the spread of germs and COVID19; and

WHEREAS, due to the possibility of imminent emergency or disaster due to bodily injury to residents of Hawai'i Island, and the need for government agencies and representatives from the private sector to mobilize and provide financial and other immediate services to our island residents, a state of emergency is authorized pursuant to Chapter 127A Hawai'i Revised Statutes, and Chapter 7, Hawai'i County Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY KIM, Mayor of the County of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim and declare that a state of emergency exists due to the imminent danger or threat of emergency on the Hawai'i Island, effective 11:26 AM, 2/28/2020, and continuing thereon for 60 days or until further act by this office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Hawai'i to be affixed. Done this 28th day of February, 2020 in Hilo, Hawai'i.


HARRY KIM
Mayor
County of Hawai'i