



# *Certificate of Commendation*

*Awarded to*

***ALDWIN FRANCIS***

*On behalf of the residents of the County of Hawai'i, it is with aloha and gratitude that we commend Aldwin Francis for his heroic actions in pulling a visitor to safety at 'Akaka Falls State Park on January 6, 2022.*

*The unidentified sightseer disobeyed safety precautions and hopped the fence to take photos of the free-falling 'Akaka Falls, which plunges into a stream-eroded gorge, when he slipped, dangling from the cliff edge.*

*Putting his own life in danger, Hilo's own Aldwin Francis jumped the fence and successfully pulled the man to safety, preventing him from falling more than 400 feet into the abyss.*

*Although the man walked away without saying a word of gratitude, we recognize and acknowledge Aldwin for his courageous, selfless action, and true heroism. He most certainly saved a life that day.*

***Done this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.***

*Mitchell D. Roth*  
**MAYOR**