

# COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS** the Konawaena Football program has a theme word - **Perseverance**. In the year that this storied high school celebrated its 100 years of existence, the 2021 football team exemplified the true definition of perseverance; and

**WHEREAS** every player on the roster suffered the effects of a missed season in 2020, with all the other obstacles that the covid pandemic had created. With players and coaches leaving the program, the initial start to the season in the fall was faced with uncertainty. Covid put another hold on the football season...yet again; and

**WHEREAS** with the mandate of vaccines and exemptions for a restart of the season in the winter, the program took another hit as more players opted out of participation. The junior varsity season was cancelled, leaving a small group of young and motivated student athletes willing to take on the challenge - to play in only its second year of Division 1 of the Big Island Interscholastic Federation; and

**WHEREAS**, with many new safety guidelines in place, this intrepid team went to work. There was limited time to prepare for the first game of the season against the reigning state champion Hilo Vikings; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 22, 2021, the Wildcats took the first step of the journey with an overtime victory over the Vikings in a game that featured no fans at Julian Yates Field, and finished the regular season with a perfect 4-0 record; and

**WHEREAS**, in a December 3, 2021, rematch with Hilo for the crown, the Wildcats defeated the Vikings on a rainy night at Julian Yates field, 13-12. With monumental plays made by the defense, the Wildcats secured their first Division 1 championship in school history!

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, MITCHELL D. ROTH, Mayor of the County of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim January 22, 2022, as

### **KONAWAENA WILDCATS FOOTBALL DAY**

in the County of Hawai'i, as we celebrate the Champion Wildcat team on their BIIF Title, and take inspiration from a true display of perseverance from these young athletes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused The Seal of the County of Hawai'i to be affixed. Done this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2022, in Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i.



  
MITCHELL D. ROTH  
MAYOR