

COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

Proclamation

WHEREAS *Goldina (Goldie) Drucker was born in Poland before World War II and her family moved to Germany. As a strong-willed, bright, and energetic, teenager in Germany, Goldie lived a middle-class life, but in the 1930s, when Hitler began persecuting Jews, the Nazis shut down her father's tailor shop in Cologne; and*

WHEREAS *Goldie's life and the lives of other Jews in Germany changed dramatically – and when she was sixteen years old, she and her immediate family escaped by train in the middle of the night. Tragically, Goldie's mother lost three sisters and her father lost two sisters in Auschwitz, and*

WHEREAS *after escaping Germany the family made it to Belgium, where her father helped other Jews flee Nazi Germany; they moved to Holland, then London, and eventually immigrated to the United States where Goldie married and her last name (Drucker) changed to Lefkowitz; and*

WHEREAS *Goldie is on a mission to tell her story. In 2018, "Reflections by Goldina" was published, an eyewitness account of living under Hitler's regime, her family's escape from Nazi Germany, and her life as a Holocaust survivor. Goldie now lives on Hawai'i Island and shares her story of resilience and survival to groups throughout Hawai'i; and*

WHEREAS *knitting has been a steady hobby in Goldie's life, and it turned into a charitable gift when she began knitting blankets for veterans and then caps for newborns at Kona Community Hospital (over 200 and counting)! She also stays active by volunteering at a hospice center; and*

WHEREAS *Goldie Lefkowitz will celebrate her 100th Birthday on April 12, 2022- Ad Me'ah V'esrim Shana!*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MITCHELL D. ROTH, Mayor of the County of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim APRIL 12, 2022, as

GOLDIE LEFKOWITZ DAY

in the County of Hawai'i as we embrace Goldie with ALOHA and wish her a YOM HULEDET SAMEACH and MAZEL TOV!

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused The Seal of the County of Hawai'i to be affixed. Done this 12th day of April 2022, in Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i.

**MITCHELL D. ROTH
MAYOR**