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MAYOR'S SEVERE WEATHER 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; and

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 December 19, 2022, at 4:42 p.m., the National Weather Service has issued a High Wind Warning for the Island of Hawai'i including Big Island summits with southwest winds of thirty (30) to forty-five (45) mile per hour ("MPH") winds possible and with gusts over eighty (80) MPH also possible; and

WHEREAS, on December 19, 2022, at 4:55 p.m., the National Weather Service has issued a Flash Flood Warning for the Island of Hawai'i that heavy rain was falling at a rate of two (2) to three (3) inches of rain per hour in some areas; and

WHEREAS, on December 19, 2022, at 4:58 p.m., the National Weather Service issued a Severe Thunderstorm Watch for the Island of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, due to excessive rainfall resulting in flooding, temporary road closures were required and additional road closures may become necessary; and

WHEREAS, sudden, severe and extraordinary events of lightning, heavy rains, and flooding are causing damage, loss, and suffering of such character and magnitude to affect the health, welfare and safety of the public and is of such a nature as to require assistance from the County of Hawai'i, State of Hawai'i, and the Federal government; and

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

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, MITCHELL D. ROTH, Mayor of the County of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim and declare that a state of emergency exists due to the threat of imminent disaster on Hawai'i Island, effective December 19, 2022, 6:46 p.m., Hawai'i standard time.

This Emergency Proclamation shall be effective December 19, 2022, and shall terminate in sixty (60) days unless terminated earlier or extended by a separate proclamation, whichever shall occur first.

This Emergency Proclamation is effective at 6:46 p.m., this 19th day of December 2022.



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