

# COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

## *Proclamation*

*WHEREAS, November 1, 2022, marks 28 years of National Family Literacy Day—a day that draws attention to the importance of reading and learning for the entire family and emphasizes the impact that parents have on their child's learning; and*

*WHEREAS, this celebration not only highlights the power and joys of reading, but it can help young people develop good vocabulary skills, improve creativity, and widen one's perspective on life. Additionally, it aims to bring families even closer as they laugh and learn together; and*

*WHEREAS, with the ever-evolving nature of technological advancement, and with mobile phones and laptops taking center stage in the modern world, people are finding it more difficult to find time for reading. Instilling this routine in the younger generation is one of the best legacies to leave for them; and*

*WHEREAS, on National Literacy Day, thousands of literacy programs across the United States will hold readings, workshops, and family activities at libraries and community centers or online to encourage active literacy throughout the year; and*

*WHEREAS, as many as one in six adults in Hawai'i struggle with reading and writing, it is important that all families in Hawai'i have access to literacy programs. The Hawai'i Loa Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution is committed to education and literacy promotion by publicizing the importance of literacy at all ages.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, MITCHELL D. ROTH, Mayor of the County of Hawai'i, do proclaim November 1, 2022, as*

### **NATIONAL FAMILY LITERACY DAY**

*in the County of Hawai'i and urge all citizens to join me in supporting the efforts of state, national, and local partners to promote literacy.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused The Seal of the County of Hawai'i to be affixed. Done this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 2022, in Hilo, Hawai'i.*



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mitchell D. Roth".

**MITCHELL D. ROTH**  
MAYOR