

COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

Proclamation

WHEREAS October 2022 marks the 77th Anniversary of National Disability Employment Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS the purpose of National Disability Employment Awareness Month is to educate about disability employment issues and celebrate the diversity, and the varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Disability Employment Policy announced, "**Disability: Part of the Equity Equation**," as the theme for National Disability Employment Awareness Month 2022; and

WHEREAS Governor David Ige, recently signed into law HB 1787 making Hawai'i an "**Employment First**" state; and

WHEREAS the County of Hawai'i supports the policy of Employment First and ensuring that supports/services for employment is the first option for persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS the County of Hawai'i encourages the building of an inclusive and diverse workforce with the commitment of our community members and leaders, employers, public and private schools, higher-learning educators, and skill-based training organizations; and

WHEREAS the County of Hawai'i recognizes and commends its citizens, organizations, agencies, and businesses that include persons with disabilities when determining employment needs and that promote the guiding principle that progress toward full employment of persons with disabilities requires both a long-term commitment and active participation of executive leaders throughout Hawai'i County.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mitchell D. Roth, Mayor of the County of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 26, 2022, as,

EAST HAWAI'I DISABILITY LEGISLATIVE FORUM DAY

in the County of Hawai'i and commend all citizens of the Aloha County who continue to fully participate in working together to build a stronger Hawai'i Island.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused The Seal of the County of Hawai'i to be affixed. Done this 26th day of October 2022, in Hilo, Hawai'i.



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

MITCHELL D. ROTH
Mayor