

COUNTY OF HAWAII

Proclamation

WHEREAS climate change fueled by greenhouse gas emissions represents an existential threat to Hawai'i and the rest of our planet; and

WHEREAS the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report has shown that greenhouse gas emissions continue to rise and that existing plans are not enough to limit global warming to 1.5 degree Centigrade above pre-industrial levels, and the need for aggressive action to prevent even more global catastrophe; and

WHEREAS petroleum-fueled vehicles are responsible for about 40% of Hawai'i's greenhouse gas emissions, contribute to air, soil, and water pollution, and harm human health; and

WHEREAS, the transportation sector needs to accelerate the adoption of clean energy technology, including electric vehicles, to reduce the State's dependence on fuel imports and support a healthy environment and economy; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i County has established clean ground transportation goals to achieve a 100 % light-duty zero-emission fleet by 2035; and

WHEREAS Hawai'i County is dedicated to being a leader in the use of clean energy, the adoption of zero-emission vehicles, and the establishment of policies and programs that conserve energy and promote sustainability; and

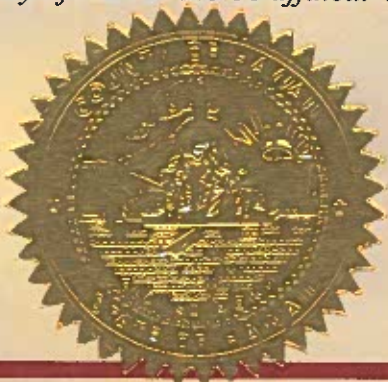
WHEREAS September 23 - October 2, 2022, has been designated as National Drive Electric Week throughout the United States to inform residents and policymakers about the benefits of plug-in electric vehicles and to promote their adoption.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mitchell D. Roth, Mayor of the County of Hawai'i, hereby proclaim September 23 – October 2, 2022, as

DRIVE ELECTRIC WEEK

in the County of Hawai'i and urge our citizens to become informed of the benefits of plug-in electric vehicles to further Hawai'i County's clean energy goals.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused The Seal of the County of Hawai'i to be affixed. Done this 23rd day of September 2022, in Hilo, Hawai'i.



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

MITCHELL D. ROTH
MAYOR