

COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

Proclamation

WHEREAS mangoes are native to Southern Asia where they have been cultivated, praised, and even revered in their homeland since ancient times; and

WHEREAS the earliest record of mangoes in Hawai'i was in 1824 with the introduction of plants from Manila, Philippines; and

WHEREAS Hawai'i has adopted and embraced the mango, and residents no matter if they are from the country or the city, enjoy this incredibly diverse fruit, which can be eaten green, ripe, fresh, preserved, alone or in combination with other fruits; and

WHEREAS mangoes are high in antioxidants and dietary minerals, and agriculture experts have devoted careers to the cultivation and development of hundreds of mango varieties; and

WHEREAS anyone who grew up in Hawai'i knows that a few of the trademarks of a local home are a large mango tree in the yard and a long pole to pick those mangoes that are just out of reach; and

WHEREAS this fragrant, richly hued summer orb that seduces island fruit lovers with its juicy goodness will be celebrated on August 13, 2022, during the Twelfth Annual Mango Festival at Hale Halawai Beach Park in Kailua-Kona; and

WHEREAS, this zero-waste, free family event will offer entertainment, mango-themed displays, local arts, and crafts, mangolicious food and drinks, culinary fun, and horticulture activities.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Mitchell D. Roth, Mayor of the County of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim August 13, 2022, as

HAWAI'I ISLAND MANGO FESTIVAL DAY

In the County of Hawai'i and encourage our residents and visitors to enjoy the Twelfth Annual Mango Festival and the many varieties of mangoes grown here in Hawai'i.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused The Seal of the County of Hawai'i to be affixed. Done this 13th day of August 2022, in Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i.




MITCHELL D. ROTH
Mayor