

# COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, since its founding on September 15, 1982, as one of the first Make-A-Wish chapters in the nation, Make-A-Wish Hawai'i has granted nearly 1,500 life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses across the state of Hawai'i and hosted more than 17,000 others for children from around the world; and

**WHEREAS** Make-A-Wish Hawai'i is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, marking four decades of granting wishes that all began with a local 10-year-old Hilo boy who wished to go to Disneyland with his family; and

**WHEREAS** research shows children who have wishes granted can build the physical and emotional strength they need to fight their illness, Make-A-Wish Hawai'i seeks to bring every eligible child's wish to life, because a wish is an integral part of a child's treatment journey; and

**WHEREAS** Make-A-Wish Hawai'i grants wishes that deliver strength and inspire hope for children fighting critical illnesses and their families, surveys show the majority of wish kids go on to live healthy lives and reflect on their wish as a turning point in their journey; and

**WHEREAS** a single wish has the power to impact not only the lives of the wish child and their family but of the entire community, including corporate partners, donors, volunteers, staff, medical partners, neighbors, and friends; and

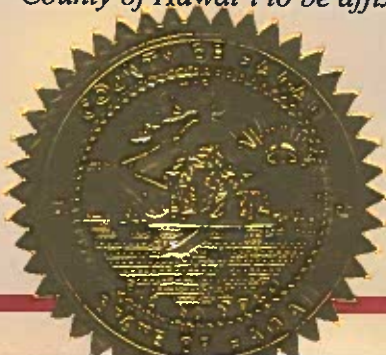
**WHEREAS** Make-A-Wish Hawai'i is considered one of the top charities in the state, with every dollar raised in Hawai'i staying in Hawai'i to support local wishes, and is recognized as the #1 Most Trusted Nonprofit Operating Locally across All 50 States according to 2022 Morning Consult data.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mitchell D. Roth, Mayor of the County of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim August 20, 2022, as**

### **MAKE-A-WISH HAWAI'I DAY – 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

*in the County of Hawai'i and ask all residents to join me in recognizing Make-A-Wish Hawai'i, its staff, volunteers, medical professionals, and community partners for 40 years of dedicating themselves to transforming lives, engaging local communities, and bringing hope and joy to children fighting critical illnesses.*

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused The Seal of the County of Hawai'i to be affixed. Done this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 2022 in Hilo, Hawai'i.



Handwritten signature of Mitchell D. Roth in black ink.

MITCHELL D. ROTH  
MAYOR