

# COUNTY OF HAWAII‘I

## *Proclamation*

*WHEREAS* Dorothy Williams, President of Pōmaika‘i Senior Center for the past 30+ years, has been a cherished resident of Hawai‘i since 1975 after falling in love with the island on her honeymoon. Born on April 23, 1926, in the snowy suburbs of Chicago, she has dedicated her time and talents to making our island community a better, more joyful, and more exciting, place to live; and

*WHEREAS* Dorothy spent four decades as the face behind the identity of Yummy the Clown, the singing, dancing, multilingual persona who would turn cartwheels and stand on her head to make a local child’s birthday special, singing “Happy Birthday” in six languages, so that every child felt included; and

*WHEREAS*, in 2014, at a particularly memorable Elderly Recreation Services annual talent show, Williams decided to tap into her show business background and make a splash with a new sort of number for the seniors: a burlesque strip tease! She became an instant internet sensation and, at age 90, landed a spot on “America’s Got Talent”, where she catapulted to stardom and put Hilo on the Map; and

*WHEREAS* Dorothy has been volunteering in Hawai‘i, whether through the Senior Center, Meals on Wheels, Welcome Wagon, or being Yummy the Clown, for over forty years, and in 2001 Dorothy was the recipient of the Office of Aging’s Outstanding Older American Award for her years of dedicated service. She was also awarded the Aloha Exchange Club of East Hawai‘i - Book of Golden Deeds Award in 2019; and

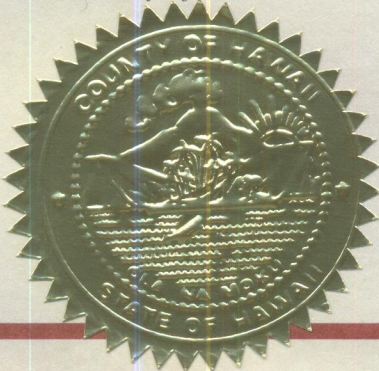
*WHEREAS*, today, at 96 years young, Dorothy, the former “America’s Got Talent” star, retired clown sensation and decorated community servant, continues to do what she loves, and that is being of service.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, MITCHELL D. ROTH, Mayor of the County of Hawai‘i, do hereby proclaim **June 20, 2022**, as

### **DOROTHY WILLIAMS DAY**

in the County of Hawai‘i and urge all citizens to join with me in surrounding Dorothy Williams in a lei of Aloha and deep gratitude for her confidant, can-do spirit, inspiring each of us to pursue our wildest dreams, no matter what, and reminding us to always give back to our community.

**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 June 2022, in Hilo, Hawai‘i.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "M D Roth".

MITCHELL D. ROTH  
MAYOR