

COUNTY OF HAWAII' I

Proclamation

WHEREAS Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX) prohibits sex discrimination (including pregnancy, sexual orientation, and gender identity) protecting students and staff in any educational institution that receives federal funds; and

WHEREAS Hawai'i has a special connection to Title IX, also known as the Patsy T. Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act. As the principal author and driving force behind the legislation, Patsy Mink steadfastly led the country to rise up to the challenge of ensuring that all youth are treated fairly and equally in schools and overcame gender and racial discrimination herself to become the first woman from Hawai'i elected to the U.S. Congress; and

WHEREAS Title IX has helped make students safer from gender-based violence and harassment by requiring schools to have policies, and to act, against sexual harassment, sexual assault, and bullying by both staff and students, including harassment based on stereotypes, providing important protection for LGBTQ+ students; and

WHEREAS, in the 50 years since its passage, Title IX has expanded opportunities for women and girls in sports and in the science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM) fields and improved protections for pregnant and parenting students; and

WHEREAS Title IX must be strengthened and vigorously enforced. In recent years the Department of Education has worked to systematically dismantle Title IX protections and to rescind important guidance documents, with harmful implications for students' civil rights and federal enforcement of Title IX; and

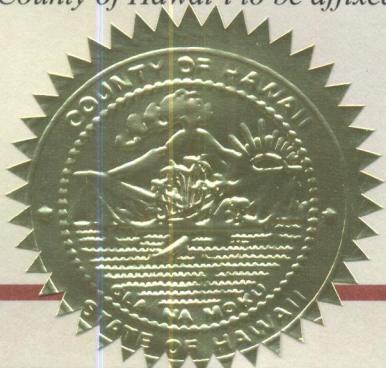
WHEREAS we must now pass the Gender Equity in Education Act, which would codify protections designed to help students address sex discrimination in all areas of education and ensure educational institutions have the resources needed to comply with Title IX regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MITCHELL D. ROTH, Mayor of the County of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 23, 2022, as

THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF TITLE IX

in the County of Hawai'i and urge every resident to recognize the importance of TITLE IX to ensure that all students, regardless of their sex, have access to equal educational opportunities.

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 June 2022 in Hilo, Hawai'i.



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

MITCHELL D. ROTH
MAYOR