

COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

Proclamation

WHEREAS April marks the observance of **National Fair Housing Month**, commemorating the 56th Anniversary of the passage of the Fair Housing Act, the landmark civil rights legislation reflecting our collective commitment to principles of equality, equity, and dignity that we strive to uphold; and

WHEREAS the Fair Housing Act was enacted to put an end to disparities within our housing system and eliminate discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, and familial status; and

WHEREAS, one year prior to passage of the federal Fair Housing Act of 1968, Hawai'i demonstrated its commitment to the principles of fair housing by passing the state's own Fair Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, this year's Fair Housing Month theme "**Fair Housing: The "ACT" in Action,**" underscores the proactive role of fair housing as a vehicle for positive community engagement. As a community, we recognize that economic progress and competitiveness is best served by promoting diverse, inclusive communities, with equal access to good jobs, schools, health care, transportation, and housing; and

WHEREAS it is our shared duty to work together to ensure equitable access to opportunities within our communities, eliminating barriers to quality education, health care, nutrition, and employment, based solely on residential location; and

WHEREAS, although the Fair Housing Act has significantly impacted countless families and communities over the last 56 years, the full realization of its goals remains a work in progress, and we still have much to do ; and

WHEREAS the County of Hawai'i is steadfast in its commitment to combat unlawful housing discrimination, promote equity for underserved populations, and uphold the principles of the Fair Housing Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mitchell D. Roth, Mayor of the County of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim the month of **April 2024**, as

NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING MONTH

in the County of Hawai'i, and encourage all private landlords, realtors, resident managers, property managers, and the general public, to pledge their support for equal housing opportunities for all residents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused The Seal of the County of Hawai'i to be affixed. Done this 1st day of April 2024, in Hilo, Hawai'i.



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

MITCHELL D. ROTH

Mayor