

Proclamation

WHEREAS, O'ahu's vital water supply is critical to the quality of life enjoyed by the residents and businesses of the City and County of Honolulu, and is a precious resource that requires our care and concern; and

WHEREAS, the Honolulu Board of Water Supply (BWS) works tirelessly to deliver safe, dependable, and affordable water, now and into the future; and

WHEREAS, BWS uses its annual Water Conservation Week Poster and Poetry contests as a way to raise awareness among school-aged children, and their families, on the importance of conserving O'ahu's water supply and making small lifestyle changes to help preserve this valuable resource; and

WHEREAS, for the past 46 years, this well-established education outreach program has successfully inspired O'ahu students to use water responsibly, while celebrating their creativity and empowering them to pave a path for their own sustainable water future; and

WHEREAS, the theme for the 2024 Water Conservation Week contests is "Our Water, Our Home;" and

WHEREAS, this year's Water Conservation Week Program is made possible through gracious and generous support of Sodexo Hawai'i, Friends of Hālawa Xeriscape Garden, the Aloha Pacific Federal Credit Union, Hawaiian Financial Federal Credit Union, and other agencies, businesses, and organizations that are committed to safeguarding our island's water sustainability,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK BLANGIARDI, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, do hereby proclaim May 5-11, 2024, to be

WATER CONSERVATION WEEK

to motivate more people to adopt behaviors that support water conservation and to instill in our next generation of water-efficient O'ahu residents a deep appreciation for water. Ka Wai Ola. Water for life.

Done this 29th day of April, 2024, in Honolulu, Hawai'i.

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