county of hawai'i Proclamation

WHEREAS April is National Community College Month, designed to improve awareness of the economic, academic, and equity advantages of attending community colleges and to celebrate public, two-year colleges; and

WHEREAS community colleges are a vital resource that create opportunities for students from all socioeconomic backgrounds. They offer affordable tuition rates, flexible schedules, and a variety of certificate and degree programs that can lead to rewarding careers in a wide range of fields; and

WHEREAS community colleges serve as an entry way to bachelor's, master's and higher-level degrees for many students and particularly for the most demographically and socioeconomically diverse students; and

WHEREAS Hawai'i Community College is the only community college on Hawai'i Island and serves students at its campuses in Hilo, Kona, and Honoka'a, as well as on-line and in early college programs at island high schools; and

WHEREAS thousands of students have enrolled in Hawai'i Community College since its founding in 1941, earning credentials to prepare them to fill in-demand careers in such fields as healthcare, skilled and professional trades, business, technology, culinary arts, art and new media, and more; and

WHEREAS Hawai'i Community College is committed to meeting the higher education and workforce needs of the County of Hawai'i and delivers unique academic programs to prepare students for the local workforce and to continue their education; and

WHEREAS Hawai'i Community College will be hosting events on April 22, 2023, to showcase the many programs and services that it offers – including an open house, career fair, music, and activities; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, MITCHELL D. ROTH, Mayor of the County of Hawai'i, do herby proclaim April 22, 2023, as,

HAWAI'I COMMUNITY COLLEGE DAY

in the County of Hawai'i, to recognize the faculty, staff, students, and school administrators, and to invite our citizens to explore the many educational opportunities that Hawai'i Community College has to offer, and to join in the special events and activities in observance of Community College Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused The Seal of the County of Hawai'i to be affixed. Done this 22nd day of April 2023, in Hilo, Hawai'i.

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MAYOR