



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, O‘ahu’s precious groundwater resource remains essential to our daily life and is managed with the utmost care by the City and County of Honolulu’s Board of Water Supply (BWS) to sustain our residents and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, the BWS works diligently to preserve and protect the island’s municipal water resource through various endeavors, ensuring its availability to meet the diverse needs of O‘ahu’s businesses and industries for current and future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, the BWS’s ability to meet current and future O‘ahu water demand has been impacted by the December 2021 fuel contamination of the island’s aquifer, prompting the BWS to amplify its conservation messaging and expand its public outreach programs; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the BWS’s well-established public outreach programs has been its annual Water Conservation Week, which will be observed this year from May 7 – 13, during which time the BWS will present awards to winners of its 44th Annual Water Conservation Week Poster Contest and its 14th Annual Water Conservation Week Poetry Contest; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of these contests is to inspire O‘ahu students from grades Kindergarten through 12, to highlight the value of water and consider actions that they can personally take to be more water efficient and eventually adopt these life-long practices by creating artwork or poetry to reflect these thoughts as expressed through this year’s theme, “How Do You Save Water?”; and

**WHEREAS**, this year’s Water Conservation Week Program is made possible through gracious and generous support of the Friends of the Hālawā Xeriscape Garden, Sodexo, Hawaiian Financial Federal Credit Union, Aloha Pacific 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 7 – 13, 2023, to be

## WATER CONSERVATION WEEK

to remind all island water users that our water is a precious resource that needs to be always protected and used efficiently, through sound conservation practices, whenever possible to promote its sustainability in this generation and generations to follow.



Done this 7th day of May, 2023,  
in Honolulu, Hawai‘i.

  
RICK BLANGIARDI