

Proclamation

WHEREAS, water is essential for all our lives, as it supports the existence of our island's 1 million residents, powers our thriving economy and contributes to our high standard of living; and

WHEREAS, our first responders, firefighters, doctors and nurses are able to perform duties because of the availability of water, which significantly supports the effort to stem the spread of the COVID-19 virus and protects our health and welfare; and

WHEREAS, Imagine a Day Without Water is a national education campaign that brings together stakeholders to highlight how water is essential, invaluable and the need to invest in our water infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, this year, Imagine a Day Without Water will take place on October 21, 2021, and will include events, resolutions, student contests and social media engagement all across the country; and

WHEREAS, the Imagine A Day Without Water campaign will be presented through the collaborative effort of Honolulu's Board of Water Supply and Department of Facility Maintenance, Storm Water Quality, Department of Environmental Services; the State of Hawai'i's Department of Land and Natural Resource Commission on Water Resource Management, Division of Forestry and Wildlife; the University of Hawai'i's College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources; and the County of Hawai'i, the County of Kaua'i and Maui Department of Water; and

WHEREAS, the Honolulu Board of Water Supply and participating agencies will share their perspectives in a live, interactive and collaborative "One Water" themed forum about the value of water; and

WHEREAS, on the day of the Imagine A Day Without Water campaign, residents will have a chance to answer questions and win prizes on Instagram about how water plays an imperative role with each agency,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK BLANGIARDI, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, do hereby proclaim October 21, 2021, to be

IMAGINE A DAY WITHOUT WATER DAY

to urge residents, businesses, organizations, and government agencies to consider ways to protect and optimize the value of water to keep our precious island home healthy and thriving for generations to come

Done this 21st day of October, 2021, in Honolulu, Hawai'i.

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RICK BLANGIARDI