



Proclamation

WHEREAS, O‘ahu’s precious water resources contribute to our prosperous economy, protect the health and welfare of residents, and enhance our high standard of living; and

WHEREAS, the availability of these resources has been significantly reduced by the shutdown of three Board of Water Supply (BWS) sources near Red Hill due to the U.S. Navy’s jet fuel spill last year and declining annual average rainfall this year; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the sustainability of decreased water supply, it is absolutely vital to be a responsible water steward and use only what you need; and

WHEREAS, in the national observance of “Imagine A Day Without Water” on October 20, 2022, the importance of using water efficiently will be recognized; and

WHEREAS, the local observance is a collaborative effort of the City and County of Honolulu’s BWS, Department of Facility Maintenance, Storm Water Quality branch, Department of Environmental Services; the State of Hawai‘i’s Department of Land and Natural Resources 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, and Kaua‘i water utilities; and

WHEREAS, on October 19 at noon, participating departments and agencies will share their knowledge and experience on the importance of water reuse – a method to repurpose and treat stormwater, wastewater, and graywater, in a live, interactive, virtual One Water Forum; and

WHEREAS, on October 20, participating departments and agencies will educate the general public about the value of water and how it plays an integral role with each agency and offer prizes at booths in Tamarind Park and Kapolei Hale from noon to 1 p.m.,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK BLANGIARDI, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, do hereby proclaim October 20, 2022, to be

IMAGINE A DAY WITHOUT WATER DAY

to urge residents, businesses, organizations, and government agencies across the state 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 20th day of October, 2022,
in Honolulu, Hawai‘i.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Blangiardi".

RICK BLANGIARDI