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August 23, 2021

FIFTEENTH PROCLAMATION
OF EMERGENCY OR DISASTER
(COVID-19 [Novel Coronavirus])

By the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, pursuant to the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973 (2000 ed.), as amended (“**RCH**”); the Revised Ordinances of the City and County of Honolulu 1990, as amended (“**ROH**”); and the Hawaii Revised Statutes (“**Haw. Rev. Stat.**”), I, Rick Blangiardi, Mayor, hereby proclaim, determine, declare and find the following:

WHEREAS, Haw. Rev. Stat. § 127A-13(b)(1) provides that, in the event of a state of emergency or disaster in the City and County of Honolulu (the “**City**”), the Mayor may take action to relieve hardship and inequities or obstructions to the public health by suspending any county law, in whole or in part, or by alleviating the provisions of county laws on such terms and conditions as the Mayor may impose, including county licensing laws, and county laws relating to labels, grades, and standards;

WHEREAS, Haw. Rev. Stat. § 127A-13(b)(2) provides that the Mayor may suspend any county law that impedes or tends to impeded, or that may be detrimental to, the health, safety and welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS, Haw. Rev. Stat. § 127A-12(c)(12) provides that the Mayor may restrict the congregation of the public in stricken or dangerous areas or under dangerous conditions; and

WHEREAS, Haw. Rev. State. § 127A-12(c)(17) provides that the Mayor may take any and all steps necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this chapter notwithstanding that those powers in section 127A-13(b) may only be exercised during an emergency period; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, a Proclamation COVID-19 [Novel Coronavirus] (“**Initial Proclamation**”) was issued, on March 18, 2020 a Supplemental Proclamation of Emergency or Disaster (COVID-19 [Novel Coronavirus]) (“**Supplemental Proclamation**”), on April 29, 2020 a Second Supplemental Proclamation of Emergency or Disaster (COVID-19 [Novel Coronavirus]) (“**Second Supplemental Proclamation**”), on June 20, 2020 a Third Supplemental Proclamation of Emergency or Disaster (COVID-19 [Novel Coronavirus]) (“**Third Supplemental Proclamation**”); on July 29, 2020 a Fourth Supplemental Proclamation of Emergency or Disaster (COVID-19 [Novel Coronavirus]) (“**Fourth Supplemental Proclamation**”); on August 6, 2020 a Fifth Supplemental Proclamation of Emergency or Disaster (COVID-19 [Novel Coronavirus]) (“**Fifth Supplemental Proclamation**”); on September 23, 2020 a Sixth Supplemental Proclamation of Emergency or Disaster (COVID-19 [Novel Coronavirus]) (“**Sixth Supplemental Proclamation**”); on October 20, 2020 an Eighth Proclamation of Emergency or Disaster (COVID-19 [Novel Coronavirus]) (“**Eighth Proclamation**”); on November 20, 2020 a Ninth Proclamation of Emergency or Disaster (COVID-19 [Novel Coronavirus]) (“**Ninth Proclamation**”); on December 23, 2020 a Tenth Proclamation of Emergency or Disaster (COVID-19 [Novel Coronavirus]) (“**Tenth Proclamation**”); on February 9, 2021 an Eleventh Proclamation of Emergency or Disaster (COVID-19 [Novel Coronavirus]) (“**Eleventh Proclamation**”); on March 11, 2021 a Twelfth Proclamation of Emergency or Disaster (COVID-19 [Novel Coronavirus]) (“**Twelfth Proclamation**”); on May 7, 2021 a Thirteenth Proclamation of Emergency or Disaster (COVID-19 [Novel Coronavirus]) (“**Thirteenth Proclamation**”); and on July 8, 2021 a Fourteenth Proclamation of Emergency or Disaster (COVID-19 [Novel Coronavirus]) (“**Fourteenth Proclamation**”); and

WHEREAS, Governor David Y. Ige issued a proclamation for the State of Hawai‘i on March 4, 2020 and subsequently issued supplemental proclamations related to the spread of COVID-19 including most recently, on August 5, 2021, the Emergency Proclamation Related to the COVID-19 Response; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization designated the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic of international concern; and

WHEREAS, a significant level of COVID-19 continues to spread throughout the City. As of August 22, 2021, the City has averaged 451 new COVID-19 cases per day (which includes inmate COVID-19 positive cases in State prisons) over the last seven (7) days with a 9.4% positivity rate of COVID-19 tests performed over the same time period. 6,228 COVID-19 positive cases remain “active.” Since the beginning of the pandemic, the City has had a total of 39,692 COVID-19 cases, 3,095 COVID-19 related hospitalizations, and 433 COVID-19 related deaths. As of August 20, 2021 at least 1,820,414 COVID-19 vaccinations have been administered across the State (with over 1,296,303 of those administered within the City). Hospitals within the City have little to no remaining capacity: 286 individuals are currently hospitalized and 48 individuals are in intensive care unit beds due to COVID-19. The City’s COVID-19 related fatality rate (death/number of cases) is presently at 1.1%.; and

WHEREAS, Delta, a highly contagious SARS-CoV-2 virus strain, has resulted in spiking case numbers around the world and in the United States of America, and continues to spread at an alarming rate in our City;

WHEREAS, this Delta variant of the SARS-CoV-2 virus creates considerable risk of infection and severe illness or death for members of our community who are not vaccinated, including children under the age of 12 who are not yet eligible to be vaccinated, such that COVID-19 continues to endanger the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the City and requires the serious attention, effort, and sacrifice of all people in the City to avert unmanageable strains on our healthcare system and other catastrophic impacts to the City;

WHEREAS, the state of emergency or disaster arising out of, and relating to, the COVID-19 pandemic (including the rise in the Delta variant) continues to exist in all or any portion of the City as of the date and time of this Fifteenth Proclamation of Emergency or Disaster (COVID-19 [Novel Coronavirus]) ("**Fifteenth Proclamation**") requiring action and effort to manage the potential strain on the healthcare system and other catastrophic impacts to the City; and

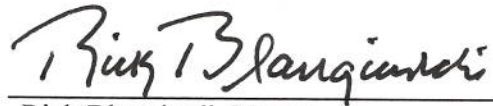
WHEREAS, the current state of emergency or disaster period relating to the COVID-19 pandemic is set to terminate on September 5, 2021; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to supplement the Initial Proclamation, Supplemental Proclamation, Second Supplemental Proclamation, Third Supplemental Proclamation, Fourth Supplemental Proclamation, Fifth Supplemental Proclamation, Sixth Supplemental Proclamation, Eighth Proclamation, Ninth Proclamation, Tenth Proclamation, Eleventh Proclamation, Twelfth Proclamation, Thirteenth Proclamation; and Fourteenth Proclamation with this new and separate Fifteenth Proclamation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Blangiardi, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu as set forth above, in order to promote and protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City and County of Honolulu, do hereby proclaim, determine, declare and find that:

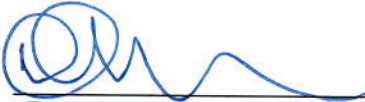
1. a state of emergency or disaster period relating to the COVID-19 pandemic is hereby declared and will remain in place from August 23, 2021 through October 22, 2021; and
2. this Fifteenth Proclamation hereby supersedes the Initial Proclamation, Supplemental Proclamation, Second Supplemental Proclamation, Third Supplemental Proclamation, Fourth Supplemental Proclamation, Fifth Supplemental Proclamation, Sixth Supplemental Proclamation, Eighth Proclamation, Ninth Proclamation, Tenth Proclamation, Eleventh Proclamation, Twelfth Proclamation, Thirteenth Proclamation; and Fourteenth Proclamation.

This Fifteenth Proclamation and the related state of emergency or disaster period shall be in effect from August 23, 2021 through October 22, 2021, unless terminated earlier by the undersigned pursuant to Haw. Rev. Stat. ch. 127A.



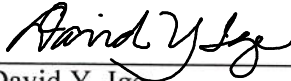
Rick Blangiardi, Mayor
City and County of Honolulu

APPROVED:



Dana M.O. Viola
Corporation Counsel

APPROVED:



David Y. Ige
Governor