



Proclamation

WHEREAS, fresh water is Hawai'i's lifeblood and most precious natural resource, and the unique traditional Hawaiian perspective recognizes and honors water and its various forms as the kinolau of Kāne; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaiian Islands are some of the most isolated islands on earth and are solely reliant on precipitation to meet drinking water and all other freshwater needs; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i is facing an uncertain climate future with many parts of the State experiencing drought conditions, and the best available information indicates Hawai'i will experience a drier climate that threatens our natural water supplies and existing water infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources works to protect the precious water resources and forested watersheds across the State of Hawai'i and the State Water Code advocates the maximum beneficial use of the waters of the State while protecting public trust uses of water such as traditional and customary Hawaiian rights and stream ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health works with public water systems to ensure that safe drinking water is delivered reliably to customers and that wastewater is disposed of properly to protect public health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, 138 regulated public water systems deliver clean and reliable drinking water to nearly 100% of residents, businesses, and industries across the State of Hawai'i amounting to approximately 220 million gallons of water each day; and

WHEREAS, the Red Hill fuel release is threatening current and future drinking water availability on the island of O'ahu; and

WHEREAS, the current estimate for water usage in the State is 164 gallons per day per person, and the Aloha+ Challenge and Fresh Water Initiative seek to increase water capacity by 100 million gallons per day;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim October 20, 2022 as the day for the people of the Aloha State to

“IMAGINE A DAY WITHOUT WATER”

and join me in recognizing the importance of protecting our fresh water and maintaining the critical infrastructure that allows our residents to enjoy reliable and clean water service at the turn of the tap.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twentieth day of October 2022.


DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i