



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, energy efficiency will reduce the high cost of energy for residents and businesses of the City and County of Honolulu (“City”) as we recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, low and moderate income households especially benefit from energy efficiency, as larger portions of their income are spent on electricity and gas; and

**WHEREAS**, residents’ homes and workspaces can become safer, healthier, more comfortable, and increasingly resilient with energy efficiency improvements, as we face increasing temperatures and more extreme weather caused by climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, residents and businesses within the City are encouraged to participate in Hawai‘i Energy’s energy efficiency incentive and rebate programs to address these matters;

**WHEREAS**, increasing the energy efficiency of new and existing buildings is essential in achieving our climate change mitigation goals, as electricity generation contributes to 35% of the City’s greenhouse gas emissions;

**WHEREAS**, good-paying clean energy jobs continue to increase with the demand for energy efficiency, and have employed more than 6,000 Hawai‘i workers;

**WHEREAS**, the City is focused on developing partnerships to support community action, including two public-private partnerships that will upgrade City facilities island-wide, create more than 300 local jobs and result in millions of taxpayer dollars saved each year;

**WHEREAS**, the City supports increasing the minimum levels of new building efficiency through adoption of the most current codes, like the model 2021 International Energy Conservation Code; and

**WHEREAS**, a network of energy efficiency groups and partners nationwide have designated this first Wednesday in October as the sixth national annual Energy Efficiency Day;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK BLANGIARDI**, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, do hereby proclaim October 6, 2021, to be

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY DAY

and urge both citizens and businesses to join the City in supporting our collective clean energy goals, which in turn will save money, create jobs, and cut pollution and emissions.



Done this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021,  
in Honolulu, Hawai‘i.

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

RICK BLANGIARDI