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MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY
(EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION RELATING TO LOW-PRESSURE WEATHER
EVENT)

By the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu ("City"), pursuant to the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973 (Amended 2017 Edition) ("RCH"), I, Rick Blangiardi, Mayor, hereby determine and declare the following:

WHEREAS, according to the National Weather Service, as early as the afternoon of Thursday, January 30, 2025, severe weather and potential flooding from a "Low-Pressure" weather event will bring strong southerly winds and heavy sustained rain fall creating the threat of flash flooding to the City that is expected to continue at least through Friday, January 31, 2025.

WHEREAS, on Thursday afternoon, on January 30, 2025, the National Weather Service issued a flash flood warning covering the entire island of Oahu extending till at least the early evening.

WHEREAS, strong winds and heavy rainfall from the "Low-Pressure" weather event pose a significant risk of flooding, landslides, and associated impacts in the City.

WHEREAS, damage caused by strong winds, heavy rains and flooding may require extensive damage assessments, as well as repair, restoration, and reconstruction, of roads, bridges, and other infrastructure and property required to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the City;

WHEREAS, the City and its agencies must adequately prepare for and respond to the strong winds, heavy rain and other impacts from the “Low-Pressure” weather event to protect public health and safety;

WHEREAS, Acting Governor of Hawai‘i, Sylvia Luke, declared a state of emergency on January 28, 2025, commencing immediately and continuing through February 3, 2025, pursuant to Chapter 127A, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes (“HRS”), in response to the “Low-Pressure” weather event affecting the State of Hawai‘i, including the City;

WHEREAS, Chapter 127A, HRS, provides for the establishment of county organizations for emergency management and disaster relief with the Mayor having direct responsibility and authority over emergency management within the City and County of Honolulu; and

WHEREAS, Section 127A-14(b), HRS, provides that a Mayor may declare a local state of emergency in the county by proclamation if the Mayor finds that an emergency or disaster has occurred;

WHEREAS, HRS Section 127A-1 3(b)(2) provides that the Mayor may suspend any county law that impedes or tends to impede, or that may be detrimental to, the health, safety and welfare of the public;

WHEREAS, Section 13-112 (Declaration of Emergencies), RCH, provides that the Mayor may declare an emergency due to a public calamity;

WHEREAS, Section 8-4.2, Revised Ordinances of the City and County of Honolulu (1990) (“ROH”), provides in part that the director of budget and fiscal services can remit taxes due or paid for real property damaged or destroyed as a result of a natural disaster, for the tax year in which the natural disaster occurred, to the extent and in the manner set forth in this section when the Mayor has declared a natural disaster for purposes of property tax relief; and

WHEREAS, Section 18-6.5(b), ROH, provides in part that the director of planning and permitting or his authorized deputy may grant an exemption from the requirement of paying plan review and permit fees for any person seeking to restore or reconstruct a structure damaged or destroyed as a result of a major disaster, which includes storms, flooding, and high water, when the Mayor has issued a proclamation declaring the existence of a major disaster.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to RCH Section 13-112, and HRS Chapter 127A, I, Rick Blangiardi, Mayor of the City, do hereby proclaim, determine, and declare that a state of emergency or disaster exists in connection with the "Low-Pressure" weather event that poses a threat to public safety and property throughout the City. This state of emergency or disaster shall continue for 60 days from the date first stated above, unless terminated earlier in accordance with applicable law.



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