Proclamation

WHEREAS, for 100 years, American Institute of Architects (AIA) Hawai‘i has advanced excellence in architecture and championed thoughtful design in support of the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Hawai‘i; and

WHEREAS, chartered in 1926, AIA Hawai‘i is comprised of AIA Honolulu and AIA Maui, representing licensed architects and allied professionals dedicated to improving Hawai‘i’s built environment through innovation, collaboration, education, advocacy, and service; and

WHEREAS, architects play an essential role in shaping communities by designing homes, schools, healthcare facilities, businesses, parks, cultural institutions, and public spaces that enrich daily life while reflecting the unique character and values of our islands; and

WHEREAS, as Hawai‘i addresses critical issues including affordable housing, climate resilience, disaster recovery, environmental stewardship, and sustainable growth, architects continue to provide thoughtful, innovative solutions that strengthen communities and prepare our islands for future generations; and

WHEREAS, architecture in Hawai‘i embraces the principles of sustainability, resilience, accessibility, and cultural stewardship by honoring Native Hawaiian values, respecting the natural environment, responding to our unique climate, and preserving the distinct sense of place that sets Hawai‘i apart from the rest of the world; and

WHEREAS, throughout the past century, AIA Hawai‘i and its members have advanced design excellence, promoted responsible development, encouraged public engagement, mentored future generations of architects, and fostered collaboration among public officials, educators, engineers, planners, builders, and community leaders to improve the quality of life throughout the Hawaiian Islands; and

WHEREAS, the centennial of AIA Hawai‘i provides an opportunity to celebrate the remarkable achievements of the architectural profession while recognizing the enduring impact that thoughtful design has on our economy, environment, public safety, and the well-being of our communities,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK BLANGIARDI, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, do hereby proclaim September 17, 2026, to be

AIA HAWAI‘I DAY

to recognize the American Institute of Architects in Hawai‘i and its 100 years of extraordinary contributions to architecture, design excellence, public service, and the creation of safe, resilient, sustainable, and vibrant communities throughout Hawai‘i.

Done this 17th day of September, 2026,
in Honolulu, Hawai‘i.

RICK BLANGIARDI