

County of Maui

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the County of Maui recognizes that there are more than 400 beaches and 750 miles of coastline in Hawai'i, visited daily by residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the County of Maui counts 360 patients with spinal cord injuries from 2009 through 2017, according to data from the Hawai'i Trauma Registry; and

WHEREAS, the County of Maui has 7 of the state's 15 beaches with the highest number of spinal cord injuries, including Makena, which has the most at 40 injuries, and Ka'anapali, which is tied for third with 20 injuries; and

WHEREAS, the County of Maui has reported an increasing trend of ocean drownings with 193 total from 2009 to 2018 – an average of 12 to 29 per year; and

WHEREAS, the County of Maui notes that 73 percent of drownings have been nonresidents with 48 percent occurring while snorkeling and 19 percent while swimming; and

WHEREAS, the County of Maui has seen drownings in Makena decrease since lifeguard services started in 2009, with eight occurring from 2004 to 2008 and just three occurring in the last 10 years;

WHEREAS, the County of Maui applauds the efforts of the Hawai'i Drowning and Aquatic Injury Prevention Advisory Committee, which comprises agencies from all four counties and is committed to decreasing aquatic injuries and drowning tragedies in Hawai'i;

WHEREAS, the County of Maui also recognizes the committee's one-week celebration of Hawai'i Beach Safety Week and its hosting of the Hawai'i Ocean Safety Conference every summer.

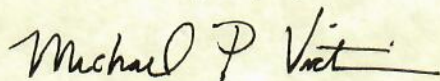
NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL P. VICTORINO, Mayor of the County of Maui, do hereby proclaim Friday, July 19, 2019 as

HAWAI'I BEACH SAFETY WEEK

throughout the County of Maui, and encourage our communities to support the ongoing efforts addressing this serious issue, and recognize the Hawai'i Drowning and Aquatic Injury Prevention Advisory Committee and all its partners for their invaluable service to our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the County of Maui to be affixed hereto.

DONE at Wailuku, Maui, Hawai'i,
on this 19th day of July, 2019.



MICHAEL P. VICTORINO
Mayor, County of Maui

