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WHEREAS, created by the International Union of Architects in 1985, World Architecture Day is observed annually on the first Monday of October in parallel with United Nations World Habitat Day to reflect on the state of towns and cities to recognize the collective responsibility of all for the future of the human habitats; and

WHEREAS, locally, the Honolulu Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) annually observes October as Architecture Month to recognize the significant contributions architects make to society and to celebrate the art and science of architecture; and

WHEREAS, chartered in 1926, AIA Honolulu represents and serves more than 700 individual member architects, associates and allied design professionals on O'ahu, Hawai'i Island and Kaua'i; and

WHEREAS, AIA Honolulu has promoted design excellence in Hawai'i for nearly a century, remaining steadfast in its commitment to advancing the practice of architecture in the islands, championing resilient and sustainable design, fostering creativity, and supporting the professional development of its members through programs, public events and community engagement initiatives that enlighten and inspire people of all ages about the importance of architecture in our daily lives; and

WHEREAS, for 17 years, AIA Honolulu has marked Architecture Month with an exciting lineup of public events, featuring a fun mix of engaging free and for-cost events that highlight the power of good design in making our communities better places to live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of "Archtober," AIA Honolulu will present a month-long series of events on O'ahu and Hawai'i Island for the public to attend and enjoy, including an open house architecture firm crawl in Downtown Honolulu, walking tour of historic single family residences from the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries along Honolulu's Gold Coast, Kona home tours, young architects workshop, free documentary screening of "Alice Street," and Super Saturday keiki activities at the Hawai'i State Art Museum,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK BLANGIARDI, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, do hereby proclaim October 2023, to be

## **ARCHITECTURE MONTH**

to celebrate the importance of architecture and design here in our islands and beyond, and to extend appreciation to AIA Honolulu and its members for their excellence and contributions to shaping our communities through good design.



Done this 1st day of October, 2023, in Honolulu, Hawai'i.

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**RICK BLANGIARDI**