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## **EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, Chapter 127A Hawai'i Revised Statutes, 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 County.

WHEREAS, Chapter 127A Hawai'i Revised Statutes and Chapter 7, Articles 1 and 2 of the Hawai'i County Code, establishes a Civil Defense Agency within the County of Hawai'i and prescribes its powers, duties, and responsibilities, and Section 13-23 of the Hawai'i County Charter empowers the Mayor of the County to declare emergencies; and

WHEREAS, being that the Mayor is temporarily absent or disabled pursuant to Section 5-1.5 Hawai'i County Code the Managing Director shall act as Mayor; and

WHEREAS, at approximately 4:54 AM on May 1, 2018. United State Geological Survey(USGS) Hawaii Volcano Observatory (HVO) issued a report that a migration of seismicity and deformation downrift (east) of Pu'u O o indicates that a large area along the East Rift Zone is potentially at risk of new outbreak possibly in the Lower Puna area. The location of any future outbreak will determine what areas are in the path of new lava flows; and

WHEREAS, due to the possibility of imminent disaster due to property damage and/or bodily injury to residents of Hawai'i Island, and the need for government agencies and representatives from the private sector to mobilize and provide immediate services to our island residents, a state of emergency is authorized pursuant to Chapter 127A Hawai'i Revised Statutes, and Chapter 7, Hawai'i County Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wil Okabe as Acting Mayor of the County of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim and declare that a state of emergency exists due threat of imminent disaster on the Hawai'i Island, effective 4:00 \( \frac{1}{2} \), May 3, 20 \( \frac{1}{2} \) and continuing thereon for 60 days or until further act by this office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Hawai'i to be affixed. Done this 3 day of 10 day of 11 lio, Hawai'i.

Wil Okabe Acting Mayor County of Hawai'i