PROCLAMATION

By the authority vested in me as Mayor by the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended, and the Constitution and laws of the State of Hawaii, in order to provide relief for disaster damages, losses, and suffering, and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people, I, MICHAEL P. VICTORINO, Mayor of the County of Maui of the State of Hawaii, hereby determine, designate and proclaim as follows:

WHEREAS, Chapter 127A, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") empowers me, MICHAEL P. VICTORINO, as Mayor of the County of Maui of the State of Hawaii, as the sole judge of the existence of imminent danger or threat of an emergency or disaster in any portion of the county; and

WHEREAS, at approximately 10:50 a.m. today, July 11, 2019, a brush fire broke out near the intersection of Kuilhelani Highway and Waiko Road, and was fanned by strong trade winds causing the fire to jump the Highway and spread toward Maalaea and Kihei, producing heavy smoke which impairs visibility, and endangers motorists, residences, businesses, County, State, and private property, and poses an imminent threat to life and property, and based on the fact that the County has been fighting this fire since before 11:00 a.m. on July 11, 2019, and the fire remains out of control at this time, and based upon the expertise available to me, I have determined that the brush fire poses an imminent danger of death, injury, and property damage to residents of Maui County;

WHEREAS, the severity of the fire caused evacuation of Maui Humane Society, and areas of Maalaea, Sugar Beach and North Kihei, and ongoing winds and fire continue to pose a threat to additional areas so that there is imminent danger from this brushfire, both for fire damage and consequential personal injury as people evacuate endangered areas, which warrants preemptive and protective action and response in order to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the people; and
WHEREAS, there is need for government agencies and representatives from the private sector to mobilize and provide immediate services to our island residents and visitors to the island of Maui and to mitigate hazardous situations associated with the fire and actions by people to evade the fire hazard;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Section 14(b), HRS Chapter 127A, I, MICHAEL P. VICTORINO, Mayor of the County of Maui, do hereby determine that the County of Maui is in imminent danger and that there is the threat of an emergency or disaster for a portion of the county due to the out-of-control brush fire located in the central valley of Maui island, spreading rapidly by winds in the broad direction of South Maui, and I DO HEREBY PROCLAIM that a local state of emergency exists as of (6:54 meridian time), this 11 day of July, 2019, which shall continue until terminated by any separate proclamation, or which shall automatically terminate sixty days after issuance of this PROCLAMATION, whichever occurs first. Pursuant to this Proclamation, I hereby exercise any and all powers listed in Sections 12 and 13 of Chapter 127A, HRS.

Done at the Kalana O Maui Building,
This 11 day of July, 2019.

MICHAEL P. VICTORINO Mayor
County of Maui

APPROVED:

JERRIE L. SHEPPARD
Deputy Corporation Counsel
County of Maui