



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Samaritan Counseling Center Hawai'i, a community-based, nonprofit mental health organization, opened its doors in April 1989 at the First United Methodist Church in Honolulu; and

**WHEREAS**, the Center serves people of all faiths or no faith, regardless of their financial situation, and since 1989, more than 8,200 individuals and families have received services through 73,844 counseling sessions at six Samaritan Counseling Center Hawai'i locations across O'ahu; and

**WHEREAS**, the Center's five satellite sites are located at Honpa Hongwanji Hawai'i Betsuin in Honolulu, Central Union Windward in Kailua, Pearl City Community Church in Pearl City, Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Wahiawā, and Waiokeola Congregational Church in Kāhala; and

**WHEREAS**, the Center is endowed with a committed board of directors whose members volunteer their time and energy to ensure Samaritan Counseling Center Hawai'i is able to provide professional and accessible mental health counseling that is sensitive to the spiritual traditions of individuals, families and communities in Hawai'i; and

**WHEREAS**, Samaritan Counseling Center Hawai'i also provides community education and outreach focusing on mental health education, promotes public awareness to help reduce the stigma of mental illness, and supports clergy and congregations; and

**WHEREAS**, Samaritan Counseling Center Hawai'i is celebrating 30 years of service to the residents of O'ahu founded on a deep understanding of the close relationship between mind, body, spirit and community,

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, KIRK CALDWELL**, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, do hereby proclaim April 10, 2019, to be

## **SAMARITAN COUNSELING CENTER HAWAI'I DAY**

in recognition and appreciation of the Samaritan Counseling Center Hawai'i and its staff, board of directors and volunteers for bringing healing, harmony and hope to individuals, families and our community for 30 years.



Done this 10th day of April, 2019,  
in Honolulu, Hawai'i.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kirk Caldwell", is written over a horizontal line.

KIRK CALDWELL