



Proclamation

WHEREAS, since its founding in 1989, 'Ōlelo Community Media has served as O'ahu's nonprofit Public, Education, and Government access provider, offering residents media training, technology, production resources, and distribution platforms to create and share locally relevant programming and information; and

WHEREAS, for more than 35 years, 'Ōlelo Community Media has empowered residents, students, educators, nonprofit organizations, and government agencies to share information, tell local stories, and strengthen civic engagement through community media; and

WHEREAS, through community-produced programming, government meeting coverage, educational content, and cultural storytelling, 'Ōlelo Community Media has expanded access to government and public-policy information, fostered greater understanding of the City and County of Honolulu's diverse communities and cultures, and preserved stories by and for Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, through initiatives that support youth education, workforce development, digital media literacy, and community partnerships, including the Civic Media Lab, Youth Xchange student video competition, Caring Together caregiving series, and media workforce development programs, 'Ōlelo Community Media continues to empower individuals of all ages and backgrounds to develop media skills and share their voices; and

WHEREAS, 'Ōlelo Community Media provides an essential public resource by offering accessible, noncommercial platforms where community voices, local issues, educational opportunities, and cultural perspectives can be shared, strengthening civic participation and community connection throughout O'ahu; and

WHEREAS, Community Media Day is a nationwide annual observance that recognizes the vital role of community media organizations and the producers, volunteers, educators, students, nonprofit organizations, partners, and staff whose dedication helps inform, educate, and connect communities,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK BLANGIARDI, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, do hereby proclaim October 20, 2026, to be

'ŌLELO COMMUNITY MEDIA DAY

to recognize 'Ōlelo Community Media's more than 35 years of dedicated service to the people of the City and County of Honolulu, and to encourage residents to explore the organization's training, resources, and programming that strengthen civic engagement, preserve Hawai'i's stories, and foster informed and connected communities.

Done this 20th day of October, 2026
in Honolulu, Hawai'i.

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