Proclamation

WHEREAS, Honolulu has partnered with the AARP and the World Health Organization to join the Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Program in order to develop a comprehensive action plan for improving the quality of life for all of our residents; and

WHEREAS, becoming an age-friendly city means incorporating Complete Streets measures to make our roads safe and welcoming for all, from keiki to kupuna, creating multimodal public transit systems and community amenities, as well as increasing our affordable housing inventory to help our kupuna age in place; and

WHEREAS, Honolulu is committed to advancing the development of programs, services, facilities, and projects that are planned, designed, operated, and maintained to best accommodate users of all ages and abilities, especially our kupuna; and

WHEREAS, Honolulu will adopt an “age friendly checklist” which will be used as a tool to collect data and information about the status of city programs, services, facilities or projects with the goal of making all city services more age-friendly; and

WHEREAS, Honolulu will also adopt an “Area Plan on Aging” or a four-year plan prepared in compliance with the federal Older Americans Act that outlines the major goals and objectives to be achieved in the delivery of kupuna services; and

WHEREAS, becoming an age-friendly city requires widespread community support and a shared mindset that must be incorporated into every phase of life, and this can be achieved through collaboration with the City and County of Honolulu, the AARP, the World Health Organization and the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, by 2030, more than a quarter of O‘ahu’s population will be over the age of 65, and taking action to become an age-friendly city will enable O‘ahu’s residents to have an improved quality of life as they age to the benefit of everyone from keiki to kupuna; and

WHEREAS, the Honolulu City Council passed Bill 54 (2018), CD on third reading on October 3, otherwise known as the Age-Friendly City bill, and the historic legislation is being signed into law with my signature;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KIRK CALDWELL, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, hereby proclaim, October 11, 2018, to be

HONOLULU AGE-FRIENDLY CITY DAY

in recognition of Honolulu’s efforts to create a community where everyone can live in a healthy and resilient way, and people of all ages are treated with aloha through sound planning and administration.

Done this 11th day of October, 2018, in Honolulu, Hawai‘i.

KIRK CALDWELL