OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
DEREK S.K. KAWAKAMI, MAYOR
REIKO MATSUYAMA, MANAGING DIRECTOR

THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION RELATING TO HURRICANE LOWELL

By the authority vested in me as Mayor by the Constitution and laws of the State of Hawai'i and Charter and laws of the County of Kaua'i, in order to provide relief for disaster damages, losses, and suffering, and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people, I, Derek S. K. Kawakami, Mayor of the County of Kaua'i, proclaim as follows:

On September 5, 2026, pursuant to Section 127A-14, Hawai'i Revised Statues (HRS), I determined by Emergency Proclamation, that Hurricane Lowell was an emergency or disaster that threatened the County of Kaua'i and proclaimed these areas to be disaster areas for the purpose of implementing the emergency management functions as allowed by law, authorizing the expenditures of monies as appropriated for the speedy and efficient relief of the damages, losses, and suffering resulting from Hurricane Lowell.

On September 7-8, 2026, Hurricane Lowell passed just west of Ni'ihau and Kaua'i overnight, bringing damaging winds, heavy rain, flooding, and high surf to the islands. Hurricane Lowell damaged electrical infrastructure leaving approximately 90 percent of KIUC customers without power, downed trees and utility poles obstructing main highways and roadways, and destroyed both residential and commercial structures and properties, including extensive damage to coastal properties and the shoreline. There are 2 known fatalities caused by Hurricane Lowell.

On September 9, 2026, pursuant to Section 127A-13(b)(2), HRS, I issued the Supplemental Emergency Proclamation Relating to Hurricane Lowell to suspend specific provisions of law, as allowed by the federal law, and extended the emergency period for sixty days or until further act by this office.

On September 9, 2026, in the evening hours, the Kāpule Building located at the Līhu'e Civic Center caught fire. The Kāpule Building housed the County's DMV, Real Property Tax Assessment Division, Planning Department, Wastewater Management Division, and IT Division. The Kāpule Building also housed the HVAC system for all buildings located at the Līhu'e Civic Center and all County data servers. The Kāpule Building was destroyed in the fire and is not safe for occupancy. The County data servers were also destroyed or significantly damaged as a result of the fire, leaving all County offices without an operable network needed to conduct County business.

On September 18, 2026, pursuant to Section 127A-13(b)(2), HRS, I issued the Second Supplemental Emergency Proclamation Relating to Hurricane Lowell finding the damage and disruption to County operations caused by the Kāpule Building fire impeded and was detrimental to the County's expeditious and efficient execution of emergency functions needed to respond to and recover from Hurricane Lowell, suspending specific provisions of law, as allowed by the federal law, and extending the emergency period for sixty days or until further act by this office.

On October 5, 2026, Solomon Kanoho was named as the County's Local Disaster Recovery Mitigation Manager pursuant to the County's Disaster Recovery Framework.

Accordingly, it has become necessary to further supplement the previous Emergency Proclamations Relating to Hurricane Lowell, to facilitate continued recovery efforts to address the damage and destruction to residential and commercial properties, public utilities, County facilities, the environment, and the economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DEREK S.K. KAWAKAMI, Mayor of the County of Kaua'i, hereby determine that an emergency period or disaster contemplated by Section 127A-14, HRS, continues to threaten the County of Kaua'i and do hereby proclaim the County of Kaua'i to be a disaster area for the purpose of implementing emergency management functions as allowed by law and continue and extend the previous Emergency Proclamations Relating to Hurricane Lowell in order to provide for further emergency management and emergency management functions.

All provisions of the Emergency Proclamation of September 5, 2026, and all Supplemental Emergency Proclamations shall remain in full force and effect and are hereby included in the provisions of this Supplemental Emergency Proclamation, except for the following provisions, which are hereby rescinded:

1. The suspension of Section 21-9.2, Kaua'i County Code (KCC), Fees for Disposal of Solid Waste at County Landfills, Transfer Stations, and Debris Recycling Stations pursuant to Section 127A-13(b)(2).
2. The suspension of the Rules of the Director of Personnel Services pursuant to Section 127A-13(b)(2).

The disaster emergency relief period shall now continue for sixty days after the date of my signature below or until further act by this office, whichever occurs first. Notwithstanding the termination of a disaster relief or emergency period, any contracts, agreements, procurements, programs, or employment of personnel entered into, started, amended, or continued by reason of the provisions of these proclamations shall continue.

Derek S.K. Kawakami
Mayor, County of Kaua'i

Dated: 11/13/2026

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Tyler C. Saito
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