



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Kamaka Hawai'i, Inc., founded on June 18, 1916, by Samuel "Sam" Kaialiili Kamaka Sr., established 'ukulele making as a professional industry in Hawai'i and remains the longest-standing 'ukulele manufacturer in the islands; and

**WHEREAS**, for 110 years, Kamaka Hawai'i has preserved the tradition of handcrafted 'ukulele making, passing its knowledge and craftsmanship through generations while maintaining a steadfast commitment to quality, innovation, and excellence; and

**WHEREAS**, Kamaka Hawai'i is widely recognized across the City and County of Honolulu, throughout Hawai'i and around the world as the "King of the 'Ukulele," earning international respect for its handcrafted instruments and its enduring contributions to Hawaiian music and culture; and

**WHEREAS**, the company invented and patented the iconic Pineapple 'Ukulele in 1928, and continues to build approximately 1,500 'ukuleles annually at its Honolulu factory, sharing the spirit of Hawai'i with musicians and audiences worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, under the leadership of third-generation family members Chris Kamaka and Casey Kamaka, Kamaka Hawai'i, Inc. remains dedicated to supporting music education, providing educational opportunities for students, and inspiring future generations through the art and tradition of 'ukulele making; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 18, 2026, Kamaka Hawai'i commemorates its 110th anniversary, marking an extraordinary milestone as a family-owned manufacturer and an enduring symbol of Hawaiian craftsmanship, culture, entrepreneurship, and aloha,

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK BLANGIARDI**, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, do hereby proclaim June 18, 2026, to be

## KAMAKA DAY

to recognize Kamaka Hawai'i's 110 years of excellence in craftsmanship, its dedication to preserving Hawaiian musical culture, and its commitment to sharing music, joy, and aloha with people throughout our communities and around the world.



Done this 17th day of June, 2026,  
in Honolulu, Hawai'i.

*Rick Blangiardi*

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