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**Mark E. Recktenwald**  
CHIEF JUSTICE

September 11, 2020

HAND DELIVERED

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
Senate President  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 409  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Chief Justice's Appointment Order No. 2020-7

Dear President Kouchi:

On August 14, 2020, the Judicial Selection Commission delivered to me a list of candidates to fill a vacancy in the District Family Court of the First Circuit, due to appointment of Judge Kevin Souza to the Circuit Court bench.

Pursuant to article VI, section 3 of the Hawaii Constitution, I have this day appointed **Thomas A.K. Haia** to fill this position in the District Family Court. Enclosed for your information is a copy of Mr. Haia's resume. Pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 604-2, if confirmed by the Senate, Mr. Haia's term of office would be for six years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark E. Recktenwald".

MARK E. RECKTENWALD  
Chief Justice

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Enclosure: Resume of Thomas A.K. Haia  
cc (w/enclosure):

Governor David Y. Ige  
Senator Karl A. Rhoads, Chair, Senate Committee on Judiciary  
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair, Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Ronette M. Kawakami, Chair, Judicial Selection Commission