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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

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RICK BLANGIARDI  
MAYOR

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DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR

March 5, 2021

The Honorable Tommy Waters  
Chair and Presiding Officer  
and Members  
Honolulu City Council  
530 South King Street, Room 202  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Waters and Councilmembers:

In accordance with Section 4-104 of the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu, as amended, I am requesting the City Council's confirmation of the following appointee, who will be serving a temporary commission beginning on March 8, 2021 at noon, and expiring upon his permanent appointment.

James H. E. Ireland, M.D.  
Director of the Honolulu Emergency Services Department

I have enclosed the officer's information and a draft resolution for your review.

The individuals who have accepted my call to join the City government are all experienced, energetic, and capable leaders who are committed to positive change, and I would deeply appreciate your confirmation of their appointments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Blangiardi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rick Blangiardi  
Mayor

Enclosures

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
NOMINEE/APPOINTEE FORM

1. Position Nominated to: Director of Honolulu Emergency Services Department
2. Name: James Henry-Edward Ireland  
(First) (Middle) (Last)
3. Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes  
Are you a resident of the City and County of Honolulu? Yes If yes, how long >20 years  
Are you a registered voter in the City and County of Honolulu? Yes
4. Occupation: Chief of Honolulu Emergency Medical Services
5. Name and address of employer or firm:  
City and County of Honolulu  
3375 Koapaka Street, Suite H450 Honolulu, HI 96819
6. Does your employer do any business with the City and County of Honolulu? Yes  
If yes, state the nature of business and approximate dollar amount in the last five years:  
It is the City and County of Honolulu
7. Do you or does any member of your immediate family hold office or own stock in any firm?  
No
8. Does the firm do business with the City and County of Honolulu? No  
If yes, provide details including the name(s) of the firm:
9. Do you have any part-time employment, professional activity, or financial interests other than those indicated in the previous question? Yes  
If yes, provide details:  
Physician at Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center and West Oahu Nephrology  
JV Partner, Liberty Dialysis Hawaii
10. Do you foresee any possible conflict between your present work, financial investments, business transactions or any other activity which would be incompatible with the proper discharge of your official duties or hinder you from effectively carrying out the duties for which you have been appointed? No
11. Are any members of your family employed by the City and County of Honolulu or any attached agency? Yes  
If yes, please specify the department and division:  
Brother-in-law, BWS
12. Are there any incidents in your past that may jeopardize your nomination? No
13. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No If yes, provide details:

14. Education:

Mayo Clinic, Fellow in Nephrology 7/02-6/05

University of Hawaii, Resident in Internal Medicine 7/99-6/02

Ross Univeristy MD 1999; University of Hawaii BA Anthropology 1992

15. Provide a summary of major work experience for the last ten (10) years. Begin with your present job including military (attach additional sheets if necessary or resume):

Chief of Honolulu EMS 2020-Present; Physician, 7/05-present.

AMR Ambulance Innovative Practice (10/18-9/20) and Medical Director (7/07-6/10)

Emergency room physician St Francis/Hawaii Medical Center

16. Community activities, etc. (also list any service on any other board or commission Federal, State or County):

None currently

Past: State of Hawaii Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee

17. Have you ever been a member of a board or commission with the City and County of Honolulu?

No

If yes, provide name(s) of board/commission:

18. Will you be able to commit to the full term of this appointment? **Yes**

19. Will you be able to commit to meeting dates and times? **Yes**

20. Are you regularly away from Honolulu? **No** If yes, please explain:

21. Are you willing to make a confidential financial disclosure to the city Ethics Commission upon appointment and yearly thereafter? **Yes**

22. What do you understand to be the prime duties of your county appointment?

Primary provider of emergency medical care

Develop programs/training/education related to EMS, Ocean Safety & Injury Prevention

Responsible for medical matters relating to public health and welfare

Primary responder to emergencies arising on the beach and in the near shore waters

The above statements made by me are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith.

James Ireland

(Signature)

3 March 2021

(Date)

The above statements made by me are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and  
***The completed form and any attachment(s) will be posted by the City Clerk and available on the City's DocuShare Website.***

**James H.E. Ireland**  
**City and County of Honolulu**  
**Department of Emergency Services**  
**Emergency Medical Services Division**  
**3375 Koapaka Street Suite H-450**  
**Honolulu, HI 96819**  
**723-7803**

**Employment and Appointments**

9/20-Present

Chief

Emergency Medical Services

City and County of Honolulu Department of Emergency Services

3375 Koapaka Street Suite H-450

Honolulu, HI 96819

723-7803

10/18-9/20

Innovative Practice

American Medical Response Ambulance

99-840 Iwaiwa St

Aiea, HI 96701

487-4900

7/10-1/2013

Director

City and County of Honolulu Department of Emergency Services

3375 Koapaka Street Suite H-450

Honolulu, HI 96819

723-7800

7/07-6/10

Medical Director

American Medical Response Ambulance

99-840 Iwaiwa St

Aiea, HI 96701

487-4900

7/07-1/2013

Board Member

State of Hawaii Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee

Honolulu, Hawaii

7/06-8/1/10  
Civilian Medical Director  
Hickam Fire-Emergency Services  
Hickam AFB, HI  
(808) 449-8131

1/06-7/10  
Emergency Physician  
Hawaii Medical Center  
2230 Liliha Street  
Honolulu, HI 96817

8/2005-Present  
Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine  
University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine  
1356 Lusitana Street, 7th Floor  
Honolulu, HI 96813  
(808) 558-4633

5/02-9/20  
Medical Director  
State of Hawaii Department of Transportation Airports Division  
Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting  
400 Rodgers Blvd, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Honolulu, HI 96819-1880

7/02-7/10  
Contributing Editor, Hawaii Medical Journal  
1360 South Beretania, Suite 200  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814-1520  
Phone (808) 536-7702

7/05-Present  
Physician  
91-2139 Fort Weaver Road STE 100  
Ewa Beach, HI 96706 and  
Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center (from 2017)

9/02-6/05  
Assistant Medical Director  
Southeast Minnesota EMS  
1130 ½ 7<sup>th</sup> Street N.W. Suite 201  
Rochester, MN 55901  
(507) 536-9333

## **Education**

7/02-6/05      Fellow in Nephrology  
Mayo Clinic  
200 First Street S.W.  
Rochester, MN 55905  
(507) 284-2511

7/99-6/2002    Resident in Internal Medicine  
University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine  
1356 Lusitana Street, 7th Floor  
Honolulu, HI 96813  
(808) 558-4633

6/95-6/99      Ross University School of Medicine      M.D.  
2300 SW 145<sup>th</sup> Ave, Suite 200  
Miramar, FL 33027

9/89-8/92      University of Hawaii at Manoa      B.A Anthropology  
2500 Campus Road, Honolulu, HI 98822

## **Licenses and Certifications**

Physician, State of Hawaii #11863  
Emergency Medical Technician, State of Hawaii #2950  
Diplomat in Internal Medicine, Board Certified 2002-2010  
Board Certified, Nephrology 2015

## **Awards**

- 2010 Community Physician of the Year, John A. Burns School of Medicine Family Practice Residency Program
- 2007 Excellence in Clinical Teaching Award, Department of Internal Medicine, University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine
- 2004 Outstanding Clinical Poster National Kidney Foundation; Chicago, IL
- 2002 Resident of the Year, Queen's Medical Center, Honolulu, HI
- 1999 Alpha Omega Alpha, University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine
- 1992 Sandoz Award for Immunology Research, John A. Burns School of Medicine
- 1991 Davies-Geck Award for Research, John A. Burns School of Medicine
- 1991 Meritorious Research Award, Western Student Medical Research Forum

## **Memberships**

American Medical Association

## **Military**

United States Army Reserves; Medic, 100<sup>th</sup> Bn. 442<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, Fort DeRussy, Honolulu, HI 1988-1992, Honorable Discharge

## **Publications**

Novel mutations in NPHP4 in a consanguineous family with histologic findings of focal segmental glomerulosclerosis. Mistry K., Ireland, J. et al. Am J Kidney Dis. 2007 Nov; 50 (5) 855-64

Rhabdomyolysis with cardiac involvement and acute renal failure in a patient taking rosuvastatin and fenofibrate, Ireland et al. Ann Int Med 142 (11) 949-950, 2005

Screening for Hereditary Podocyte Disorders, Ireland JH et al. Abstract, American Society of Nephrology Meeting, St. Louis, MO 2004

Mitochondrial Causes of Renal Failure and Hearing Loss. Ireland JH et al. Kidney International, 65: 2444, 2004.

Outcomes of Acute Hemodialysis in Hospitalized Patients Over the Age of 75 Years, Ireland JH et al. Abstract, National Kidney Foundation Spring Meeting, Chicago, IL 2004

Candidemia in Hemodialysis Patients. Ireland et al. Abstract, North American Society of Dialysis and Transplant Meeting, Maui, HI 2003

Infective Endocarditis in Patients with Kidney Failure: Chronic Dialysis and Kidney Transplant. Ireland JH and McCarthy JT. Current Infectious Disease Reports, 5, 293-299, 2003.

Ireland JH and Ireland, JW. Dialysis, in Case Based Pediatrics for Medical Students and Residents. Yamamoto, L. (Editor), 2002.

A 54-year Old Man with Arthritis and Diarrhea. Ireland et al. Hawaii Medical Journal, 60: 151-2, 2001.

Familial Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis in Hawaii. Enomoto H and Ireland JH et al. Abstract, American College of Physicians Meeting, Honolulu, HI 2001.

Successful Treatment of Calciphylaxis with Hyperbaric Oxygen. Ricardo-Dukelow M, Ireland JH, Ng R. Abstract, American College of Physicians Meeting, Honolulu, HI, 2001.

Nucleoside Analog Antiretroviral Therapy and Fatal Lactic Acidosis. Ireland JH et al. Abstract, American College of Physicians Meeting, Honolulu, HI, 2001.

Anti- $\zeta$  Antibody Screening for Alpha-Thalassemia Using Dried Filter Paper Blood. Harada F, Ireland JH, et al. Biochem-Med-MetabBiol. 51 (1): 80-84, 1994.

Detection of the (--SEA) Double  $\alpha$ -Globin Deletion by a Simple Immunologic Assay for Embryonic  $\zeta$ -Chains. Ireland JH et al. American Journal of Hematology. 44: 22-28, 1993.

Hemoglobin Isoelectric Focusing for Unstable  $\alpha$ -Thalassemia Protein Variants from Southeast Asia, Ireland JH et al. Abstract, Pacific Science, 45: 1, 1991

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STATE OF HAWAII

## Voter Certificate

I, Glen I. Takahashi, City Clerk of the City & County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii do hereby certify that,

**JAMES H. E. IRELAND**

a resident of the City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii is a duly registered elector (voter) of


Precinct 06, Representative District 49, State of Hawaii

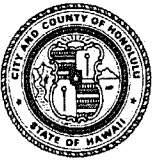
Voter ID No: 1507549      Registration Date: 10/03/1990

Date of Birth:

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City and County of Honolulu to be affixed on December 29, 2020.

  
Signature of Elector

  
Glen I. Takahashi, City Clerk  
City and County of Honolulu  
State of Hawaii



# CITY COUNCIL

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII

No. \_\_\_\_\_

## RESOLUTION

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CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF JAMES H. E. IRELAND, M.D., TO SERVE AS THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

WHEREAS, Section 4-104.1 of the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973 (2017 Edition) ("Charter"), requires that all department heads and the Managing Director, nominated by the Mayor, be subject to the advice and consent of the City Council ("Council"); and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 6-601 establishes the Department of Emergency Services, headed by a Director of Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 6-603 sets forth the powers, duties, and functions of the Director of Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 6-602 requires that the Director of Emergency Services to have had a minimum of five years training and experience in emergency medical services, at least three years of which shall have been in a responsible administrative capacity; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 4-104.1 requires that each department head be a registered voter of the City; and

WHEREAS, by Mayor's Message \_\_\_\_\_, dated March 5, 2021 the Mayor has nominated James H. E. Ireland, M.D., to serve as the Director of Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, after review of the nominee's qualifications, the Council finds that James H. E. Ireland, M.D., is qualified to serve as the Director of Emergency Services, and warrants confirmation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that James H. E. Ireland, M.D., is confirmed as the Director of Emergency Services of the City and County of Honolulu; and



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## RESOLUTION

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor and James H. E. Ireland, M.D.

INTRODUCED BY:

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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Councilmembers