



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Jacob Batalon is a *Keiki O Ka 'Āina* who was born in 1996 in *Āliamanu* on the island of O‘ahu after his mother moved to Hawai‘i from the Philippines to seek a better life and a more prosperous future; and

**WHEREAS**, even at an early age Jacob Batalon’s mother recognized her son was musically gifted and encouraged him to sing while also playing the ‘ukulele, guitar and piano at large family gatherings; and

**WHEREAS**, Jacob Batalon continued to fine-tune his musical skills throughout his childhood and during his four years at Damien Memorial School in Kalihi, where he graduated in 2014 with plans to become a singer and songwriter; and

**WHEREAS**, upon receiving his High School Diploma from Damien Memorial School, Jacob Batalon connected with a talent troupe from Los Angeles and moved to the U.S. Continent where he enrolled in the New York Conservatory for Dramatic Arts to hone and perfect his acting skills; and

**WHEREAS**, after graduating from the New York Conservatory for Dramatic Arts, Jacob Batalon informed his family at a celebratory dinner that he had been chosen for the role of Ned Leeds in the summer blockbuster “Spider-man: Homecoming,” after a screen test months earlier with lead actor Tom Holland; and

**WHEREAS**, Jacob Batalon’s Hollywood career continues to blossom as he was also chosen for the role of Sancho Panza in the upcoming film “The True Don Quixote,” a modern-day reimagining of the classic story by Miguel de Cervantes; and

**WHEREAS**, Jacob Batalon is proud of his local roots and Filipino heritage, and has been giving back to the community by encouraging students at Damien Memorial School and The Priory to work toward fulfilling their goals and dreams, while also maintaining a positive and enthusiastic outlook on life;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, KIRK CALDWELL**, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, do hereby proclaim July 7, 2017, to be

## JACOB BATALON DAY

in recognition of his enormous success so early in his movie career, his unwavering commitment to the young people of these islands who look to him for inspiration, and for bringing excitement and pride to the entire state of Hawai‘i.



Done this 7th day of July, 2017, in  
Honolulu, Hawai‘i.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kirk Caldwell", is written over a horizontal line.

KIRK CALDWELL