
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE TO SIGN THE CHARTER FOR
COMPASSION PROCLAIMING HAWAII A COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY.

1 WHEREAS, the principle of compassion lies at the heart of
2 all religious, ethical, and spiritual traditions, calling on us
3 to always treat others as we wish to be treated ourselves, to
4 honor the inherent worth and dignity of every person, and to
5 treat everybody, without exception, with absolute justice and
6 equity; and
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8 WHEREAS, ensuring economic equity and basic needs
9 respectfully throughout Hawaii Nei requires a just society with
10 responsible, effective, and compassionate governance; and
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12 WHEREAS, the United States Conference of Mayors has
13 declared that being a part of a compassionate community empowers
14 citizens to develop a sense of cooperation and reinvigorated
15 hope; and
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17 WHEREAS, the United States Conference of Mayors has also
18 declared that early intervention with compassionate policies
19 creates positive change for youth at risk and saves money
20 otherwise spent dealing with social problems, in effect
21 converting resources from mitigating negatives to promoting
22 positives; and
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24 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Planning Act, codified under
25 Chapter 226 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes, identifies the
26 principles or values that are an integral part of Hawaii's
27 society and the underlying theme of the state plan, including
28 section 226-3 (3), which states: "Community or social well-
29 being is a value that encompasses many things. In essence, it
30 refers to healthy social, economic, and physical environments
31 that benefit the community as a whole. A sense of social



1 responsibility, of caring for others and for the well-being of
2 our community and of participating in social and political life,
3 are important aspects of this concept. It further implies the
4 aloha spirit - attitudes of tolerance, respect, cooperation, and
5 unselfish giving, within which Hawaii's society can progress";
6 and
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8 WHEREAS, the International Campaign to sign the Charter for
9 Compassion is a global campaign inspired by the Golden Rule to
10 encourage public leadership to increase compassion through local
11 initiatives, policy, and projects; now, therefore,
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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
14 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
15 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Governor and
16 Legislature are urged to sign the Charter for Compassion and to
17 proclaim the State of Hawaii to be an official Compassionate
18 Community; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor and the
21 Legislature commit to work together to make compassion a
22 standard for State governance in order to realize the
23 transformational physical, spiritual, social, and economic
24 benefits that flow from compassionate governance; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
27 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and
28 Lieutenant Governor.
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