
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING MARCH AS ADULT RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME AND ADULT
FOSTER HOME OPERATORS MONTH.

1 WHEREAS, adult residential care home (ARCH) and adult
2 foster home (AFH) operators provide an invaluable service to the
3 greater community; and
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5 WHEREAS, ARCH and AFH save taxpayers substantial sums of
6 money that would otherwise be expended for the care of the
7 elderly and disabled if they were to become wards of the State;
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10 WHEREAS, many operators are beset by many challenges such
11 as the high cost of liability insurance that threatens their
12 continued existence; and
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14 WHEREAS, caring for ARCH and AFH operators' clients is an
15 honorable profession that is becoming increasingly necessary in
16 the face of Hawaii's ever-expanding elderly population; and
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18 WHEREAS, with the cost of living in Hawaii it has become
19 increasingly common for multiple family members in a home to
20 hold down several jobs which leaves little time for the 24-hour
21 care an aging relative may need; and
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23 WHEREAS, many assisted living facilities are well beyond
24 the financial reach of some families who need assistance with a
25 loved one; and
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27 WHEREAS, it is estimated that by the year 2020 one in four
28 persons in this state will be over the age of 60, illustrating
29 the impending need for ARCH and AFH operators; and



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1 WHEREAS, ARCH and AFH operators provide for all aspects of
 2 a person's needs from scheduling of doctor's appointments or
 3 physical therapy programs to providing social interaction with
 4 those residents who no longer have family near to them to visit;
 5 now, therefore,

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 7 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 8 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
 9 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature
 10 recognizes March as "Adult Residential Care Home and Adult
 11 Foster Care Home Operators Month" and supports the effort of all
 12 care home operators who give so much of themselves to provide
 13 this valuable service to the community; and

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 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 16 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director
 17 of Health, and Director of Human Services.

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