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# HOUSE 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, that this body hereby recognizes March as  
 10 "Adult Residential Care Home and Adult Foster Care Home  
 11 Operators Month" and supports the effort of all care home  
 12 operators who give so much of themselves to provide this  
 13 valuable service to the community; and

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

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