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

WHEREAS, adult residential care home (ARCH) and adult 
foster home (AFH) operators provide an invaluable service to the 
greater community; and

WHEREAS, ARCHs and AFHs save taxpayers substantial sums of 
money that would otherwise be spent to care for the elderly and 
disabled if they were to become wards of the State; and

WHEREAS, ARCH and AFH operators face many challenges such 
as the high cost of liability insurance that threatens their 
continued existence; and

WHEREAS, caring for ARCH and AFH patients is an honorable 
profession with rapidly increasing demands in the face of 
Hawaii's ever-expanding elderly population; and

WHEREAS, because of the high cost of living in Hawaii, it 
has become increasingly common for multiple family members to 
live in a single home and to have several jobs, leaving little 
time for providing the 24-hour care an aging relative may need; 
and

WHEREAS, many assisted living facilities are well beyond 
the financial reach of some families who need assistance with 
caring for a loved one; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that by the year 2020, one in four 
persons in the State will be over the age of 60, illustrating 
the impending need for ARCH and AFH operators; and

WHEREAS, ARCH and AFH operators provide for all aspects of 
a person's needs from scheduling doctor's appointments or 
physical therapy programs, to providing social interaction with 
those residents who no longer have family near them to visit; 
now, therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, that this body recognizes March as "Adult Residential Care Home and Adult Foster Home Operators Month," and supports the efforts of care home operators who give so much of themselves to provide valuable services to the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Health, Director of Human Services, President of the Alliance of Residential Care Administrators, President of the Adult Foster Homecare Association of Hawaii, and the President of the United Group of Home Operators.

OFFERED BY:

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