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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION,  
ORGAN DONOR CENTER OF HAWAII, FRESSENIUS MEDICAL SERVICES,  
LIBERTY DIALYSIS, CLINICAL LABORATORIES OF HAWAII, AND  
OHANA HEALTH CARE FOR RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT ORGAN  
DONATION AND KIDNEY DISEASE.

1           WHEREAS, the spirit of giving has long been a fundamental  
2 part of Hawaii's culture; and

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4           WHEREAS, Hawaii residents have continued in this tradition  
5 of generosity by choosing to help many local residents who are  
6 waiting for a life-saving organ transplant; and

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8           WHEREAS, organ donation is the gift of a kidney, heart,  
9 lung, liver, pancreas, or other vital organ for medical  
10 transplantation to others in serious need; and

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12           WHEREAS, organ transplantation is regarded as a standard  
13 medical treatment for a number of medical conditions and  
14 diseases, including chronic kidney disease, and thousands of  
15 individuals receive life-saving organ transplants each year; and

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17           WHEREAS, survival rates following an organ transplant are  
18 impressive - for instance, the one-year survival rate for kidney  
19 transplant recipients is almost 96 percent, for heart  
20 recipients, over 82 percent, and for liver recipients, more than  
21 80 percent; and

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23           WHEREAS, despite the growing number of successful  
24 transplant operations each year, more than 100,000 people  
25 nationwide remain on the waiting list for an organ, and in  
26 Hawaii, approximately 395 seriously-ill people of all ethnic  
27 groups are waiting for a liver, kidney, or pancreas transplant;  
28 and



1           WHEREAS, nationwide, approximately 16 people in need of an  
2 organ transplant die every day, and in 2008, 16 people died in  
3 Hawaii while on the organ transplant waitlist; and  
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5           WHEREAS, the majority of transplant candidates on the  
6 transplant waiting list in Hawaii are awaiting a donor kidney,  
7 and the majority of the transplant operations performed in  
8 Hawaii are kidney transplants; and  
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10          WHEREAS, one person's donated vital organs can save the  
11 lives of up to seven other people who need an organ transplant;  
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14          WHEREAS, the National Kidney Foundation's mission is to  
15 prevent kidney and urinary tract diseases, improve the health  
16 and well-being of individuals and families affected by these  
17 diseases, and increase the availability of all organs and tissue  
18 for transplantation in Hawaii; and  
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20          WHEREAS, in Hawaii, persons may easily register to become  
21 organ donors by registering on the Donate Life Hawaii website,  
22 [www.donatelifehawaii.com](http://www.donatelifehawaii.com); and  
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24          WHEREAS, the Organ Donor Center of Hawaii is the only  
25 federally-designated, private, nonprofit, charitable  
26 organization authorized to recover organs and tissue for  
27 transplant in the State of Hawaii; and  
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29          WHEREAS, the Organ Donor Center of Hawaii has coordinated  
30 efforts to procure organ and tissue donations and find  
31 appropriate recipients for the donations, a process that  
32 includes:  
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- 34           (1) Evaluating potential donors;
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- 36           (2) Presenting the option of donation to families;
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- 38           (3) Providing medical management to donors; and



1           (4) Placing organs according to nationally-established  
2           criteria;

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6           WHEREAS, Fresenius Medical Care's dialysis services entity,  
7 Fresenius Medical Services, operates 1,700 outpatient dialysis  
8 clinics nationwide; and

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10          WHEREAS, Fresenius Medical Services is dedicated to  
11 providing the highest quality standards in dialysis care and  
12 products in the industry to meet the needs of patients and  
13 affiliated physicians; and

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15          WHEREAS, Fresenius Medical Services - Renal Therapy Group  
16 is responsible for the manufacture and distribution of a variety  
17 of dialysis products and equipment, including dialysis machines,  
18 dialyzers, and other dialysis-related supplies; and

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20          WHEREAS, Liberty Dialysis works closely with nonprofit  
21 organizations to provide an outstanding level of care for  
22 patients with kidney disease; and

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24          WHEREAS, Liberty Dialysis has a history of developing  
25 clinics in underserved communities in conjunction with local  
26 physicians and nonprofit organizations; and

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28          WHEREAS, Liberty Dialysis has dialysis facilities on the  
29 islands of Hawaii, Kauai, Molokai, Maui, and Oahu; and

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31          WHEREAS, March 11, 2010, is World Kidney Day, organized to  
32 raise awareness of kidney disease prevention, promote  
33 preventative behavior, and encourage screenings for diabetes and  
34 hypertension, both of which contribute to chronic kidney  
35 disease; and

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37          WHEREAS, since its inception, Clinical Laboratories of  
38 Hawaii has steadfastly executed its vision to serve the unique  
39 needs of its clients; and



1 WHEREAS, in 1971, Clinical Laboratories of Hawaii began  
2 with a small outpatient facility offering pathology services to  
3 a few Big Island hospitals; and  
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5 WHEREAS, Clinical Laboratories of Hawaii has over 900  
6 professional, technical, and support personnel, with expertise  
7 in a wide variety of laboratory procedures; and  
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9 WHEREAS, Clinical Laboratories of Hawaii has grown to  
10 become the state's leading diagnostic laboratory provider,  
11 servicing 14 out of the 24 civilian acute care hospitals in  
12 Hawaii, and operating over 55 outpatient service centers  
13 throughout the state; and  
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15 WHEREAS, Ohana Health Plan is a health plan offered by  
16 WellCare Health Insurance of Arizona, Inc.; and  
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18 WHEREAS, Ohana Health Plan has more than 20 years of health  
19 care experience; and  
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21 WHEREAS, Ohana Health Plan strives to enhance the overall  
22 health and quality of life for its members; now, therefore,  
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
25 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
26 of 2010, that this body hereby commends and congratulates the  
27 National Kidney Foundation, Organ Donor Center of Hawaii,  
28 Fresenius Medical Services, Liberty Dialysis, Clinical  
29 Laboratories of Hawaii, and Ohana Health Plan, and extends its  
30 best wishes for success to these important organizations as they  
31 continue in their efforts to raise awareness about kidney  
32 disease and organ donation throughout the State of Hawaii.  
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