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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO PROCLAIM THE SECOND WEEK OF AUGUST OF EVERY YEAR AS "HAWAII STATE ASSISTANCE DOGS WEEK".

1           WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii has 143,000 citizens with  
2 disabilities; and

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4           WHEREAS, those citizens who need a service dog wait  
5 approximately three to five years for a service dog; and

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7           WHEREAS, assistance dogs, including service dogs, guide  
8 dogs, hearing alert dogs, and alert/seizure response dogs  
9 transform the lives of their human partners with physical and  
10 mental disabilities; and

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12           WHEREAS, assistance dogs serve as devoted companions,  
13 helpers, aides, best friends, and close family members; and

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15           WHEREAS, recognizing these dogs, who benefit Hawaii's  
16 citizens with disabilities, will aid in raising awareness and  
17 educating the public about how these specially trained animals  
18 are aiding many people in Hawaii and how these dogs could  
19 benefit more of Hawaii's citizens; now, therefore,

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21           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
22 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
23 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Governor is requested  
24 to express the State's support for the contributions of  
25 assistance dogs to Hawaii's citizens with disabilities by  
26 proclaiming the second week of August of every year, beginning  
27 on the second week of August 2011, as "Hawaii State Assistance  
28 Dogs Week" in the State of Hawaii; and

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30           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
31 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the  
32 Hawaii Humane Society.

