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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR TO SIGN THE CHARTER FOR COMPASSION AND TO  
PROCLAIM HAWAII TO BE AN OFFICIAL COMPASSIONATE STATE.

1           WHEREAS, the principle of compassion lies at the heart of  
2 all religious, ethical, and spiritual traditions, calling us  
3 always to treat all others as we wish to be treated ourselves,  
4 to honor the inherent worth and dignity of every person, and to  
5 treat everybody, without exception, with absolute justice and  
6 equity; and

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8           WHEREAS, over 100 religious leaders of the Progressive  
9 Interfaith 'Ohana for Hawaii (PI'O) commit to Meeting Basic Needs  
10 Now throughout Hawaii Nei, including:

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12           (1) Mālama 'āina;

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14           (2) Healthy and local food production;

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16           (3) Affordable housing;

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18           (4) Quality accessible healthcare;

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20           (5) Quality education;

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22           (6) Personal safety and stable 'ohana;

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24           (7) Responsible and effective governance; and

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26           (8) Economic equity; and



1 WHEREAS, ensuring economic equity and basic needs  
2 respectfully throughout Hawaii Nei requires a just society with  
3 responsible, effective, and compassionate governance; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the U.S. Conference of Mayors declares that being  
6 part of a compassionate city, region, or nation empowers  
7 citizens to develop a sense of cooperation and reinvigorated  
8 hope; and  
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10 WHEREAS, the U.S. Conference of Mayors also declares that  
11 early intervention with compassionate policies creates positive  
12 change for at risk youth and saves money otherwise spent dealing  
13 with social problems, in effect converting resources from  
14 mitigating negatives to promoting positives; and  
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16 WHEREAS, Chapter 226, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the Hawaii  
17 State Planning Act, identifies the principles or values that are  
18 an integral part of Hawaii society and the underlying theme of  
19 the State Plan, including Section 226-3(3), Hawaii Revised  
20 Statutes, which reads:  
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22 *"Community or social well-being is a value that*  
23 *encompasses many things. In essence, it refers to*  
24 *healthy social, economic, and physical environments*  
25 *that benefit the community as a whole. A sense of*  
26 *social responsibility, of caring for others and for*  
27 *the well-being of our community and of participating*  
28 *in social and political life, are important aspects of*  
29 *this concept. It further implies the aloha spirit--*  
30 *attitudes of tolerance, respect, cooperation and*  
31 *unselfish giving, within which Hawaii's society can*  
32 *progress." ; and*  
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34 WHEREAS, the International Campaign to sign the Charter for  
35 Compassion is a global campaign inspired by the Golden Rule to  
36 encourage public leadership to increase compassion through local  
37 initiatives, policy, and projects; now, therefore,  
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39 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
40 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
41 Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that this body urges the  
42 Governor to sign the Charter for Compassion and to proclaim the  
43 State of Hawaii to be an official Compassionate State; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body and the Governor  
2 commit to work together to make compassion a standard for State  
3 governance to realize the transformational physical, spiritual,  
4 social, and economic benefits that flow from compassionate  
5 governance; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent  
8 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and Lieutenant  
9 Governor.

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