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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO CREATE INCLUSIVE  
PLAYGROUNDS.

1           WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a  
2 civil rights law that prohibits discrimination against  
3 individuals with disabilities in all areas of public life,  
4 including jobs, schools, transportation, and all public and  
5 private places that are open to the general public; and  
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7           WHEREAS, the purpose of the ADA is to ensure that people  
8 with disabilities have the same rights and opportunities as  
9 everyone else by granting them civil rights protections similar  
10 to those protections provided to individuals on the basis of  
11 race, color, sex, national origin, age, and religion, and to  
12 guarantee equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities in  
13 public accommodations, employment, transportation, state and  
14 local government services, and telecommunications; and  
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16           WHEREAS, play is crucial for human development, the growth  
17 of social skills, and self-confidence; and  
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19           WHEREAS, an accessible playground is one that offers a  
20 range of play experiences to children of varying abilities and  
21 generally complies with the ADA, but does not mean that each and  
22 every feature or event must be usable by every child; and  
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24           WHEREAS, an inclusive playground provides more for people  
25 with disabilities than accessible playgrounds by taking away the  
26 barriers to inclusion, both physical and social, and providing a  
27 "sensory rich" experience for all; and  
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29           WHEREAS, children without disabilities may also benefit  
30 from inclusive playgrounds by connecting with children from  
31 different backgrounds and abilities, and gain empathy, social,  
32 and emotional skills; and



1           WHEREAS, inclusive playgrounds provide benefits to more  
2 individuals than just children since there are far more parents  
3 and grandparents with disabilities than children and cross-  
4 generational play is beneficial for families; and  
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6           WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that play experiences at  
7 parks should be accessible for all children and their families,  
8 without regard to physical ability; and  
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10           WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu currently lacks  
11 inclusive playgrounds; now, therefore,  
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13           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
14 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
15 of 2018, that the City and County of Honolulu is urged to  
16 create, at minimum, one inclusive playground accessible to  
17 children and caregivers of all physical abilities; and  
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19           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City and County of Honolulu  
20 is urged to obtain and consider community input before any  
21 design or construction takes place; and  
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23           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that inclusive playgrounds should be  
24 designed and constructed in accordance with the Americans with  
25 Disabilities Act of 1990, P.L. 101-336, the 2010 Americans with  
26 Disabilities Act Standards for Accessible Design, and any  
27 relevant guidelines issued by the United States Department of  
28 Justice, including but not limited to accessibility guidelines  
29 on play areas, play surfaces, play components, and access  
30 routes; and  
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32           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that inclusive playgrounds should be  
33 designed and constructed with sufficient and accessible  
34 amenities, including parking spaces and bathrooms; and  
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36           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
37 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of



1 Honolulu and the Director of the Department of Parks and  
2 Recreation of the City and County of Honolulu.

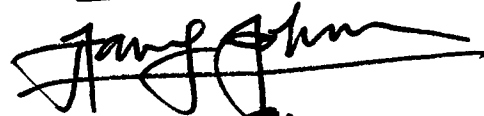
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