## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING HAWAII'S LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO USE THE "A CHILD IS MISSING" ALERT PROGRAM IN LOCATING MISSING PERSONS.

WHEREAS, the "A Child is Missing" (ACIM) Alert Program was founded in 1997 as a nonprofit organization headquartered in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to assist law enforcement in locating missing persons; and

WHEREAS, through its rapid-response, neighborhood telephone notification program, ACIM assists law enforcement in search and early recovery efforts during the critical initial hours following the disappearance of a child, elderly person, or disabled person; and

WHEREAS, ACIM uses high-tech telephony to make 1,000 calls in 60 seconds, allowing ACIM to quickly transmit a missing person alert to thousands of listed residents within the area surrounding the site of the person's disappearance via telephone, cell phone, or beepers, without jurisdictional boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the ACIM service is activated only when a law enforcement officer notifies ACIM after verifying that a person is missing; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, ACIM has helped law enforcement recover over 200 missing persons; and

WHEREAS, ACIM is recognized by law enforcement agencies across the nation for its effectiveness in helping to locate missing persons; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii's people, known as some of the most compassionate in the nation, would readily respond to ACIM's missing person alerts; and

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WHEREAS, the people of Hawaii would greatly benefit from the ACIM service, which is available to law enforcement agencies nationwide; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, that this body urges Hawaii's law enforcement agencies to use the ACIM Alert Program in locating missing persons; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Public Safety and the chiefs of each of the county police departments.

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