
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, *RECOGNIZING MARCH AS ADULT RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME*
2 *AND ADULT FOSTER HOME OPERATORS MONTH.*

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4 WHEREAS, adult residential care home (ARCH) and adult foster
5 home (AFH) operators provide an invaluable service to the greater
6 community; and

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8 WHEREAS, ARCH and AFH save taxpayers substantial sums of
9 money that would otherwise be expended for the care of the
10 elderly and disabled if they were to become wards of the State;
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13 WHEREAS, many operators are beset by many challenges such
14 as the high cost of liability insurance that threatens their
15 continued existence; and

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17 WHEREAS, caring for ARCH and AFH operators' clients is an
18 honorable profession that is becoming increasingly necessary in
19 the face of Hawaii's ever-expanding elderly population; and

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21 WHEREAS, with the cost of living in Hawaii it has become
22 increasingly common for multiple family members in a home to
23 hold down several jobs which leaves little time for the 24-hour
24 care an aging relative may need; and

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26 WHEREAS, many assisted living facilities are well beyond
27 the financial reach of some families who need assistance with a
28 loved one; and

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30 WHEREAS, it is estimated that by the year 2020 one in four
31 persons in this state will be over the age of 60, illustrating
32 the impending need for ARCH and AFH operators; and

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1 WHEREAS, ARCH and AFH operators provide for all aspects of
 2 a person's needs from scheduling of doctor's appointments or
 3 physical therapy programs to providing social interaction with
 4 those residents who no longer have family near to them to visit;
 5 now, therefore,

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 7 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 8 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 9 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature recognizes
 10 March as "Adult Residential Care Home and Adult Foster Care Home
 11 Operators Month" and supports the effort of all care home
 12 operators who give so much of themselves to provide this
 13 valuable service to the community; and

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 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 16 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director
 17 of Health, and Director of Human Services.
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