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## HOUSE 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



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, that the Legislature recognizes March as "Adult  
 10 Residential Care Home and Adult Foster Care Home Operators  
 11 Month" and supports the effort of all care home operators who  
 12 give so much of themselves to provide this valuable service to  
 13 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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