
HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AUGUST 2009 AS JAN KEN PO MONTH IN HAWAII AND URGING
THE ORGANIZATION OF A STATEWIDE GRAND JAN KEN PO TOURNAMENT
DURING THE MONTH TO RAISE FUNDS TO BENEFIT HAWAII'S PUBLIC
SCHOOLS.

1 WHEREAS, jan ken po, a game played with the fist and
2 fingers, is believed to have been invented in Asia in the late
3 19th century and acquired worldwide popularity in the 20th
4 century; and
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6 WHEREAS, in our local community, both young and old alike
7 often play the quick, enjoyable game of jan ken po - also known
8 as the "rock, paper, and scissors" game in the English-speaking
9 world -- to make simple decisions; and
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11 WHEREAS, as part of its March 2008 annual "Hats Off to
12 American Red Cross" event to raise awareness of the critical
13 importance of the American Red Cross in the community, the
14 Hawaii Red Cross sponsored a jan ken po contest in Tamarind
15 Park; and
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17 WHEREAS, while the four mayors of the state starred in the
18 main event of the contest, and corporate executives and
19 community leaders and entertainers participated in their own
20 celebrity competition, donations to the Red Cross were collected
21 by off-duty firefighters, police officers, civil defense and
22 military personnel, business and club members, as well as
23 individuals; and
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25 WHEREAS, especially during these difficult economic times
26 in which even the most necessary government services may be cut
27 or reduced, creative ideas are needed to raise funds for
28 purposes as important as providing a quality education to our
29 children; and
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1 WHEREAS, a jan ken po tournament similar to that sponsored
2 by the Hawaii Red Cross can be organized to benefit this
3 critical area of need; now, therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
6 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
7 of 2009, that August 2009 is hereby recognized as Jan Ken Po
8 Month in Hawaii; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges the
11 organization of a World Championship Jan Ken Po Tournament
12 during August 2009 to determine the world jan ken po champion
13 while raising funds to benefit Hawaii's public schools,
14 including coverage of facility repair and maintenance and school
15 supply costs; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that individuals, community
18 organizations, businesses, and government agencies are
19 encouraged to participate in the World Championship Jan Ken Po
20 Tournament; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
23 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chairperson of the
24 Board of Education, Superintendent of Education, and Chief
25 Executive Officer of The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii.
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