
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NATIONAL ASSISTANCE DOG WEEK.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii has 227,000
2 citizens with disabilities. These citizens, who need a service
3 dog, wait approximately 3 - 5 years for a service dog.

4 The legislature also finds that assistance dogs transform
5 the lives of their human partners with physical and mental
6 disabilities. Assistance dogs serve as devoted companions,
7 helpers, aides, best friends and close family members.
8 Assistance dogs include service dogs, guide dogs, hearing alert
9 dogs and alert/seizure response dogs.

10 The legislature also finds that recognizing these dogs, who
11 benefit Hawai'i's citizens with disabilities, will aid in raising
12 awareness and educate the public about how these specially
13 trained animals are aiding so many people in Hawai'i and could
14 benefit so many more of Hawai'i's citizens.

15 The purpose of this act is to designate the second week of
16 August as National Assistance Dog Week.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 8, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
3 read as follows:

4 "§8- National Assistance Dog Week. The second week of
5 August shall be known and designated "National Assistance Dog
6 Week". This week is not and shall not be construed as a state
7 holiday."

8 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

National Assistance Dog Week

Description:

Designates the second week in August as "National Assistance Dog Week" in Hawai'i.

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