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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER OF EACH YEAR AS "DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS  
MONTH" IN HAWAII.

1           WHEREAS, Down syndrome is the one of the most commonly  
2 occurring genetic conditions, with one in every 733 live births  
3 resulting in a baby born with Down syndrome, and it is the most  
4 commonly occurring chromosomal condition; and  
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6           WHEREAS, advancements in Down syndrome research have given  
7 doctors, therapists, and educators new tools to care for  
8 individuals with Down syndrome so that they may live healthy and  
9 fulfilling lives; and  
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11           WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the many achievements,  
12 abilities, and unique communication needs of individuals with  
13 Down syndrome; and  
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15           WHEREAS, people with Down syndrome are living longer than  
16 ever before and the life expectancy of individuals with Down  
17 syndrome has increased dramatically in recent decades -- from 25  
18 years in 1983 to 60 years today; and  
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20           WHEREAS, children with Down syndrome are often fully  
21 integrated in social and educational settings and increasingly  
22 go on to graduate from high school and attend postsecondary  
23 education programs; and  
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25           WHEREAS, while placement in the workforce remains a  
26 challenge, career opportunities have improved, and adults with  
27 Down syndrome have attained a variety of positions, bringing  
28 enthusiasm, reliability, and dedication to their jobs; and  
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30           WHEREAS, advancements in education, research, and advocacy  
31 have had a tremendous impact on the opportunities for  
32 individuals with Down syndrome to live functional, successful  
33 lives; however, further education and awareness for Down  
34 syndrome is needed; now, therefore,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
2 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
3 of 2011, that the month of October of each year be recognized as  
4 "Down Syndrome Awareness Month" in Hawaii; and  
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
7 Resolution be transmitted to the Hawaii Down Syndrome Congress  
8 and Down Syndrome Ohana of Hawaii.

