
HOUSE CONCURRENT 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



1 lives; however, further education and awareness for Down
2 syndrome is needed; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
5 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
6 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the month of October of
7 each year be recognized as "Down Syndrome Awareness Month" in
8 Hawaii; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Hawaii Down Syndrome
12 Congress and Down Syndrome Ohana of Hawaii.

