
HOUSE RESOLUTION

COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING ALOHA UNITED WAY, THE INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN SERVICES, ADULT FRIENDS FOR YOUTH, AND YMCA OF HONOLULU FOR THEIR EXEMPLARY WORK IN SUPPORTING THE PEOPLE AND FAMILIES OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the spirit of giving, sharing, helping, and aloha
2 has long been a fundamental part of Hawaii's culture; and
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4 WHEREAS, the people of Hawaii have organizations who
5 continue this tradition of generosity by choosing to help many
6 needy residents and "at risk" youth and to provide them with
7 shelter, housing, healthcare, and the opportunity to succeed in
8 life; and
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10 WHEREAS, ALOHA UNITED WAY began serving Hawaii's people in
11 1919 when Frank C. Atherton established the United Welfare Fund
12 under the jurisdiction of the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce to
13 create a more efficient way to raise money for 17 charitable
14 institutions; the United Welfare Fund became a separate legal
15 entity in 1938 and was renamed the Honolulu Community Chest; in
16 1966, the Honolulu Community Chest was dissolved and the Aloha
17 United Fund was created with 42 agencies participating; it
18 officially changed its name to Aloha United Way in 1974 to
19 maintain uniformity between similar organizations throughout the
20 country; and
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22 WHEREAS, the mission of ALOHA UNITED WAY is to build a
23 stronger, healthier community by partnering with business,
24 labor, government, and nonprofit organizations to deliver
25 measurable and sustainable solutions; and
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27 WHEREAS, ALOHA UNITED WAY focuses on three impact areas -
28 education, poverty prevention, and a safety net for our
29 vulnerable citizens, driving and supporting significant social
30 change, funding collective impact, preventing problems before



1 they begin, and helping the vulnerable in our community who need
2 assistance now; and

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4 WHEREAS, THE INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN SERVICES was born from the
5 vision and legacy of the "Peanut Butter Ministry" of Reverend
6 Claude Du Teil and in 1982 incorporated as a private non-profit
7 comprehensive social services agency working to prevent and end
8 homelessness in Hawaii; and

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10 WHEREAS, THE INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN SERVICES provides a
11 spectrum of services to include emergency shelters, food
12 programs, case management, outreach, employment assistance,
13 healthcare services, family programs, housing support, and
14 public education; and

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16 WHEREAS, THE INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN SERVICES efforts in Fiscal
17 Year 2016 resulted in 1,750 people being sheltered, 278,964
18 meals being served, 781 people being employed, and 1,654 people
19 being housed; and

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21 WHEREAS, THE INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN SERVICES operates, in
22 addition to their shelters, several transitional houses
23 including the V.E.T. House, Tutu Bert's House, and Hale Mauiola
24 on Sand Island, a modular housing center built by the City and
25 County of Honolulu providing not only shelter, but supportive
26 services, case management, and housing referrals; and

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28 WHEREAS, ADULT FRIENDS FOR YOUTH is a non-profit
29 organization providing intervention work for high risk youth for
30 the past 30 years, and has gained a stellar reputation for its
31 overwhelming success with this specific youth population; and

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33 WHEREAS, the ultimate goal of ADULT FRIENDS FOR YOUTH is to
34 help high risk youth become contributing members of the
35 community and society, helping to achieve such community goals
36 as reducing poverty, promoting healthy lifestyles, and providing
37 access to educational opportunities that enhance quality of
38 life; and

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40 WHEREAS, ADULT FRIENDS FOR YOUTH understands that with
41 gangs and at risk youth, one cannot take them away from their



1 support network, but instead, one needs to provide outreach
2 services and engage them in group counseling to begin to
3 identify deep rooted problems, talk about them, and teach them
4 skills to cope with problems as well as skills to empower them;
5 and

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7 WHEREAS, THE YMCA OF HONOLULU, one of the largest non-
8 profit organizations in the state, was founded in 1869 and
9 incorporated under the laws of the Kingdom of Hawaii in 1882;
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12 WHEREAS, THE YMCA OF HONOLULU had humble beginnings, first
13 providing prayer meetings and aid to Sunday schools and
14 operating a reading room in the Seamen's Home, then working with
15 Chinese immigrants, expanding to provide Hi-Y clubs for youth,
16 opening Army and Navy YMCA's, and helping with the formation of
17 YMCAs on the islands of Kauai, Hawaii, and Maui, creating
18 separate branches to serve local community needs; and

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20 WHEREAS, THE YMCA OF HONOLULU today serves thousands of
21 children, teens, and adults in a wide variety of programs
22 including before and after school programs, youth sports, teen
23 leadership programs, substance abuse counseling and treatment
24 programs, and health and wellness; now, therefore,

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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
27 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
28 of 2017, that this body hereby commends and congratulates ALOHA
29 UNITED WAY, THE INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN SERVICES, ADULT FRIENDS FOR
30 YOUTH, and YMCA OF HONOLULU, and extends its best wishes for
31 success to these important organizations as they continue in
32 their efforts to support the people of Hawaii and families in
33 need of housing, healthcare, and essential medications and other
34 items, and to mentor Hawaii's youth to succeed in life.



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