
HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING WAIANAE COMMUNITY OUTREACH FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO ASSIST THE HOMELESS IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, in recent years, the State has invested greater
2 resources into addressing the plight of the homeless in our
3 state; and
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5 WHEREAS, since 2006, the City and County of Honolulu
6 embarked on a systematic program of renovating many of it's
7 beach parks, including Ala Moana Beach Park, Magic Island, and
8 most recently, Maili Beach Park, displacing many of our homeless
9 who reside at these parks; and
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11 WHEREAS, with each park closure and displacement, homeless
12 individuals invariably find their way to the Leeward Coast,
13 lacking shelter and hope; and
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15 WHEREAS, WAIANAE COMMUNITY OUTREACH is a nonprofit
16 organization based in Waianae that is dedicated to arranging
17 housing for and assisting the homeless, and operated under the
18 nonprofit organization ALTERNATIVE STRUCTURES, INTERNATIONAL for
19 many years; and
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21 WHEREAS, since its incorporation in 2002, WAIANAE COMMUNITY
22 OUTREACH helped find housing for countless people who, through
23 unfortunate or difficult circumstances, were without shelter;
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26 WHEREAS, in September of 2006, WAIANAE COMMUNITY OUTREACH
27 was called upon to manage one of the State's newest shelters for
28 the homeless at a former military housing building in Kalaeloa;
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31 WHEREAS, the facility houses 225 people, including more
32 than 100 children; and



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WHEREAS, in 2007, WAIANAE COMMUNITY OUTREACH, along with Honolulu Community Action Program, the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, Hoomau Ke Ola, and Hale Naau, partnered with primary contractor U.S. Vets Hawaii, to run the new emergency transitional shelter for homeless families at the Waianae Civic Center site; and

WHEREAS, that facility will accommodate 300 people when fully occupied; and

WHEREAS, KANANI KAAIAWAHIA BULUWAN has worked with WAIANAE COMMUNITY OUTREACH for over twenty years and serves as the Executive Director of the organization; and

WHEREAS, SYBOL UELESE has worked with WAIANAE COMMUNITY OUTREACH for four years and works as the Program Specialist for the organization; and

WHEREAS, TULUTULU TOA has worked with WAIANAE COMMUNITY OUTREACH for nineteen years and works as the Outreach Specialist for the organization; and

WHEREAS, LAURA PITOLO has worked with WAIANAE COMMUNITY OUTREACH for four years and works as the Program Director for the organization; and

WHEREAS, KAUI KAPU has worked with WAIANAE COMMUNITY OUTREACH for a little over a year and works as the Housing Specialist for the organization; and

WHEREAS, HAUNANI KALAMA has worked with WAIANAE COMMUNITY OUTREACH for a little over a year and works as the Operations Specialist for the organization; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, that this body recognizes and commends WAIANAE COMMUNITY OUTREACH for its work and their efforts to assist the homeless in Hawaii, and offers it's warmest aloha and best wishes in all of its future endeavors.

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