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HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING MARCH AS "ADULT RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME AND ADULT FOSTER HOME OPERATORS MONTH."

WHEREAS, adult residential care home (ARCH) and adult 1 foster home (AFH) operators provide an invaluable service to the 2 3 greater community; and 4 WHEREAS, ARCHs and AFHs save taxpayers substantial sums of 5 6 money that would otherwise be spent to care for the elderly and 7 disabled if they were to become wards of the State; and 8 WHEREAS, ARCH and AFH operators face many challenges such 9 as the high cost of liability insurance that threatens their 10 11 continued existence; and 12 WHEREAS, caring for ARCH and AFH patients is an honorable 13 profession with rapidly increasing demands in the face of 14 Hawaii's ever-expanding elderly population; and 15 16 17 WHEREAS, because of the high cost of living in Hawaii, it has become increasingly common for multiple family members to 18 live in a single home and to have several jobs, leaving little 19 20 time for providing the 24-hour care an aging relative may need; 21 and 22 23 WHEREAS, many assisted living facilities are well beyond 24 the financial reach of some families who need assistance with 25 caring for a loved one; and 26 27 WHEREAS, it is estimated that by the year 2020, one in four persons in the State will be over the age of 60, illustrating 28 the impending need for ARCH and AFH operators; and 29 30 31 WHEREAS, ARCH and AFH operators provide for all aspects of a person's needs from scheduling doctor's appointments or 32 33 physical therapy programs, to providing social interaction with 34 those residents who no longer have family near them to visit; 35 now, therefore,



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BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Wenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, that this body recognizes March as "Adult Residential Care Home and Adult Foster Home Operators Month," and supports the efforts of care home operators who give so much of themselves to provide valuable services to the community; and 7

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 9 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Health, 10 Director of Human Services, President of the Alliance of 11 Residential Care Administrators, President of the Adult Foster 12 Homecare Association of Hawaii, and the President of the United 13 Group of Home Operators.

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