
HOUSE RESOLUTION

COMMENDING THE JAPANESE WOMEN'S SOCIETY FOUNDATION FOR CREATING THE "ADOPT-A-MOM" PROGRAM AND ENCOURAGING ALL FAMILIES AND AGENCIES WORKING WITH THE ELDERLY OF HAWAII TO PLACE "ADOPT-A-MOM" DAY ON THEIR CALENDARS, AS THE THIRD SUNDAY OF MAY, IN OBSERVANCE OF THE ELDERLY WOMEN OF HAWAII WHO DESERVE TO BE CHERISHED AND APPRECIATED FOR THE INVALUABLE ROLE THEY PLAY AS THE MOTHERS OF OUR KEIKI O KA AINA.

1 WHEREAS, the "Adopt-A-Mom" program is an annual event
2 started by the Japanese Women's Society Foundation of Hawaii in
3 1995 to recognize mothers on "Adopt-A-Mom" Day in Hawaii who are
4 not able to celebrate Mother's Day with family members; and

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6 WHEREAS, Lillian Yajima, the event organizer for the
7 program, started the program because she felt that no mother
8 should be lonely on Mother's Day; and

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10 WHEREAS, the "Adopt-A-Mom" program has enriched the lives
11 of many of Hawaii's elders and provided a positive reminder that
12 our kupuna are an essential part of our island ohana; and

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14 WHEREAS, former Governor Neil Abercrombie announced that
15 beginning in 2016, the third Sunday of May would be designated
16 as "Adopt-A-Mom" Day on the official state calendar; and

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18 WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu also
19 designated May 19, 2014, as "Adopt-A-Mom" Day in Honolulu; and

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21 WHEREAS, the "Adopt-A-Mom" program also highlights the
22 efforts of the Japanese Women's Society Foundation to build and
23 maintain a care home at Kuakini Medical Center where elderly
24 women of limited means are cared for with dignity and
25 compassion; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 2 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
 3 Session of 2015, that the Japanese Women's Society Foundation is
 4 commended for creating the "Adopt-A-Mom" program and all
 5 families and agencies working with the elderly of Hawaii are
 6 encouraged to place "Adopt-A-Mom" Day on their calendars, as the
 7 third Sunday of May, in observance of the elderly women of
 8 Hawaii who deserve to be cherished and appreciated for the
 9 invaluable role they play as the mothers of our keiki o ka aina;
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 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 13 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Executive
 14 Office on Aging and Japanese Women's Society Foundation board
 15 members.
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