
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER TWENTY-EIGHTH AS HAWAII GOOD NEIGHBOR DAY.

1 WHEREAS, Good Neighbor Day was created in the early 1970s
2 by Becky Mattson of Lakeside, Montana; and
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4 WHEREAS, in 1978, United States President Jimmy Carter
5 issued Proclamation 4601 recognizing September twenty-fourth as
6 National Good Neighbor Day; and
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8 WHEREAS, in 2003, National Good Neighbor Day was changed
9 from the fourth Sunday in September to September twenty-eighth;
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12 WHEREAS, the purpose of this special day was to reverse the
13 epidemic of loneliness in the country; and
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15 WHEREAS, strong social organization and community ties are
16 associated with lower crime rates in neighborhood; and
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18 WHEREAS, a Good Neighbor initiative is built on Asset-Based
19 Community Development Principals; and
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21 WHEREAS, we cement the bonds of the nation and our world
22 through building cohesive families and communities; and
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24 WHEREAS, community development is driven by the existing
25 gifts of the community, which are often hidden and need to be
26 uncovered; and
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28 WHEREAS, the assets already found in the community mobilize
29 people to come together to build on their gifts; and
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31 WHEREAS, everyone in a community has something to offer and
32 all are needed and valued; and



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WHEREAS, an intentional effort to build and nourish relationships is the core of Asset-Based Community Development and all community-building; and

WHEREAS, cities across the nation celebrate Good Neighbor Day attracting hundreds to creative and meaningful events to reinforce the power for connection; and

WHEREAS, San Fransico has launched the city's first ever Good Neighbor Week accompanied by a city-wide proclamation, Good Neighbor awards, local block parties, and a digital community bulletin board; and

WHEREAS, Boston hosted various neighborly acts such as Bingo events, Nominate-a-Neighbor Certificates, and community clean-ups; and

WHEREAS, Phoenix focused their National Good Neighbor Day on grassroot engagement, emphasizing front yard events and neighbor-led gatherings, which allowed neighbors to take the lead in shaping their communities; and

WHEREAS, other major cities have organized various events such as scavenger hunts, days of kindness, and citizen-led informal get-togethers; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026, the Senate concurring, that September twenty-eighth is recognized as Hawaii Good Neighbor Day where Hawaii residents are encouraged to host and engage in meaningful and connection-building community events; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor.

OFFERED BY: *J. M. [Signature]*
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