
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 neighborhoods; and
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18 WHEREAS, a Good Neighbor initiative is built on asset-based
19 community development principles; and
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21 WHEREAS, the bonds of the nation and world are built
22 through 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,
32 and all are needed and valued; and



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2 WHEREAS, an intentional effort to build and nourish
3 relationships is the core of asset-based community development
4 and all community-building; and
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6 WHEREAS, cities across the nation celebrate Good Neighbor
7 Day, attracting hundreds to creative and meaningful events to
8 reinforce the power of connection; and
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10 WHEREAS, San Francisco has launched the city's first-ever
11 Good Neighbor Week, accompanied by a city-wide proclamation,
12 Good Neighbor awards, local block parties, and a digital
13 community bulletin board; and
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15 WHEREAS, Boston hosted various neighborly acts such as
16 Bingo events, Nominate-a-Neighbor Certificates, and community
17 clean-ups; and
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19 WHEREAS, Phoenix focused their National Good Neighbor Day
20 on grassroots engagement, emphasizing front yard events and
21 neighbor-led gatherings, which allowed neighbors to take the
22 lead in shaping their communities; and
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24 WHEREAS, other major cities have organized various events
25 such as scavenger hunts, days of kindness, and citizen-led
26 informal get-togethers; now, therefore,
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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
29 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
30 of 2026, the Senate concurring, that September twenty-eighth is
31 recognized as Hawaii Good Neighbor Day, on which Hawaii
32 residents are encouraged to host and engage in meaningful and
33 connection-building community events; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
36 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor.

