
HOUSE 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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1 WHEREAS, an intentional effort to build and nourish
 2 relationships is the core of Asset-Based Community Development
 3 and all community-building; and
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5 WHEREAS, cities across the nation celebrate Good Neighbor
 6 Day attracting hundreds to creative and meaningful events to
 7 reinforce the power for connection; and
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9 WHEREAS, San Fransico has launched the city's first ever
 10 Good Neighbor Week accompanied by a city-wide proclamation, Good
 11 Neighbor awards, local block parties, and a digital community
 12 bulletin board; and
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14 WHEREAS, Boston hosted various neighborly acts such as
 15 Bingo events, Nominate-a-Neighbor Certificates, and community
 16 clean-ups; and
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18 WHEREAS, Phoenix focused their National Good Neighbor Day
 19 on grassroot engagement, emphasizing front yard events and
 20 neighbor-led gatherings, which allowed neighbors to take the
 21 lead in shaping their communities; and
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23 WHEREAS, other major cities have organized various events
 24 such as scavenger hunts, days of kindness, and citizen-led
 25 informal get-togethers; now, therefore,
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 28 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 29 of 2026, that September twenty-eighth is recognized as Hawaii
 30 Good Neighbor Day where Hawaii residents are encouraged to host
 31 and engage in meaningful and connection-building community
 32 events; and
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
 35 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor.
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