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# 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 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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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 of connection; and  
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9 WHEREAS, San Francisco has launched the city's first-ever  
10 Good Neighbor Week, accompanied by a city-wide proclamation,  
11 Good Neighbor awards, local block parties, and a digital  
12 community 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 grassroots 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, on which Hawaii residents are encouraged to  
31 host 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.

