

RESOLUTION COMMENDING PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTERS

Whereas, Hawai`i Republicans believe in the value of *Individual Responsibility* and embrace the opportunity to help those in need;

Whereas, Hawai`i has ten pregnancy resource centers on five islands to meet the comprehensive physical, psychological, emotional, and spiritual needs of women and men facing unplanned pregnancies;

Whereas, pregnancy resource centers offer women in economic hardship free pregnancy tests, counseling, and childbirth and parenting classes they could not otherwise afford;

Whereas, many pregnancy resource centers offer ultrasound and adoption services to pregnant mothers;

Whereas, pregnancy resource centers encourage women to make positive life choices by equipping them with complete and accurate information regarding their pregnancy options and the development of their preborn child;

Whereas, pregnancy resource centers ensure that women are receiving prenatal information and services that lead to the birth of healthy newborn infants;

Whereas, pregnancy resource centers provide women with compassionate and confidential counsel in a non-judgmental manner regardless of their pregnancy outcomes;

Whereas, pregnancy resource centers operate primarily through reliance on the voluntary donations and time of caring individuals who are committed to caring for the needs of women and promoting and protecting life:

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Hawai`i Republican Party in convention at Lihue, Hawai`i, May 14, 2011, in support of *Individual Responsibility*,

- (1) strongly supports pregnancy resource centers for their unique, positive contribution to the individual lives of women, men, and babies—both born and unborn;
- (2) commends the compassionate work of scores of volunteers and paid staff at pregnancy resource centers across Hawai`i;

A Place for Women (Oahu)
Aloha Pregnancy Care and Counseling Center (Oahu)
Care Center of Kauai
Catholic Charities Hawaii Mary Jane Program (Oahu)
HOPE INC (Oahu)
House of Ruth (Oahu)
Kona Crisis Pregnancy Center (Big Island)

*Ohana Pregnancy Referrals (Molokai)
Pregnancy Problem Center (Oahu & Maui)
The Pregnancy Center (Big Island)*

- (3) decries the actions of any national, state, or local groups attempting to prevent pregnancy resource centers from effectively serving women and men facing unplanned pregnancies

Therefore, be it further resolved, that copies of this resolution be posted on the Hawai`i Republican Party website, distributed to the pregnancy resource centers and to Hawai`i elected officials and media for public dissemination.