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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE HAWAII CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY AND  
OTHER LOCAL HEALTH CARE AGENCIES TO INFORM CLIENTS OF THE  
COMMON SYMPTOMS OF OVARIAN CANCER.

1           WHEREAS, ovarian cancer is the eighth most common cancer in  
2 women and accounts for more deaths than any other cancer of the  
3 female reproductive system; and  
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5           WHEREAS, statistics show that when ovarian cancer is  
6 diagnosed early, the chance for a cure is much greater; and  
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8           WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates there will  
9 be 22,430 new cases of ovarian cancer in 2007 in the United  
10 States and an estimated 15,280 deaths from this disease; and  
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12           WHEREAS, only 19 percent of ovarian cancers are discovered  
13 before they have spread outside the ovaries; and  
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15           WHEREAS, in the past ovarian cancer was known as a silent  
16 killer, but that modern research has shown that perception to be  
17 incorrect; and  
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19           WHEREAS, a joint statement released in June of 2007 by the  
20 American Cancer Society, the Gynecologic Cancer Foundation, and  
21 the Society of Gynecologic Oncologists, recent medical studies  
22 show identifiable symptoms often do exist for ovarian cancer,  
23 even in the early stages; and  
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25           WHEREAS, the most common symptoms of ovarian cancer have  
26 been identified as:

- 27           (1) Bloating;  
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29           (2) Pelvic or abdominal pain;  
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- 1 (3) Trouble eating or feeling full quickly; and
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- 3 (4) Urinary symptoms, such as urgent or frequent feelings
- 4 of needing to go;
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8 WHEREAS, medical experts recommend that while these same  
 9 symptoms are known to occur with many different types of  
 10 illnesses, if there is an unusual occurrence or frequency of  
 11 occurrences or if they last for more than a few weeks, they  
 12 should prompt a woman to see a doctor, preferably a  
 13 gynecologist; now, therefore,

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 15 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 16 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
 17 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Hawaii Chapter  
 18 of the American Cancer Society and local health care agencies  
 19 are urged to inform their clients of the common symptoms of  
 20 ovarian cancer to increase the chance of early detection and  
 21 successful treatment; and

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 23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health,  
 25 Chairperson of the American Cancer Society - Hawaii Pacific, and  
 26 President and Chief Executive Officer of the Healthcare  
 27 Association of Hawaii.

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