
SENATE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING PARTICIPATION IN THE PURPLE RIBBON AND PURPLE ARM
BAND CAMPAIGN AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

1 WHEREAS, according to the Surgeon General of the United
2 States Department of Health and Human Services, domestic
3 violence is a problem of epidemic proportions; and
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5 WHEREAS, according to the Community Overcoming Relationship
6 Abuse organization, also known as CORA, a woman is abused every
7 nine seconds, 3,000,000 to 10,000,000 children witness domestic
8 violence every year, and one in five high school females
9 experience dating violence; and
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11 WHEREAS, a fact sheet prepared by the National Coalition
12 Against Domestic Violence stated that in 1999, there were 8,013
13 reported cases of domestic violence in Hawaii; and
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15 WHEREAS, the Honolulu Police Department estimates that it
16 spends up to one-third to one-half of their work time responding
17 to "domestic" calls; and
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19 WHEREAS, in addition to the physical and psychological
20 effects of domestic violence on the victim and the victim's
21 family, there are job-related consequences; and
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23 WHEREAS, domestic violence is the number one cause of
24 injury to women, and CORA estimates that it costs the American
25 economy between \$8,000,000,000 to \$10,000,000,000 in
26 absenteeism, medical costs, employee turnover, lost
27 productivity, and other costs; and
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29 WHEREAS, the goals of the Purple Ribbon and Purple Arm Band
30 Campaign are to urge men to show their support for:
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32 (1) Ending men's violence against women;
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34 (2) Raising awareness of the problem in the community;
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1 (3) Conducting educational work in schools, workplaces,
2 and communities; and

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4 (4) Supporting organizations that assist with the
5 consequences of violence against women; and

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7 WHEREAS, wearing a purple ribbon and purple arm band is a
8 statement that an individual will never commit, condone, nor
9 remain silent about violence against women; and

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11 WHEREAS, wearing a purple ribbon and purple arm band
12 encourages reflection and discussion that will lead to personal
13 and collective action among men to stop violence against women;
14 now, therefore,

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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
17 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008,
18 that the Legislature encourages participation in the Purple
19 Ribbon and Purple Arm Band Campaign against domestic violence;
20 and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
23 Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of the
24 Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

