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SENATE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING PARTICIPATION IN THE WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN TO END
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN.

1 WHEREAS, according to the Surgeon General, United States
2 Public Health Service, domestic violence is a problem of
3 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 states 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 up
16 to one-half of work time is spent responding to "domestic"
17 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 \$8,000,000,000 to \$10,000,000,000 in absenteeism,
26 medical costs, employee turnover, lost productivity, and other
27 costs; and
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29 WHEREAS, CORA has established a White Ribbon Campaign to
30 encourage the wearing of a white ribbon to symbolize men's
31 opposition to violence against women, and the campaign is now
32 led in over 55 countries by both men and women; and
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34 WHEREAS, the White Ribbon Campaign aims to accomplish the
35 goal of ending violence against women in all its forms by:



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- 1 (1) Challenging everyone to speak out, and think about
- 2 their own beliefs, language, and actions;
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- 4 (2) Educating young people, especially young men and boys,
- 5 on the issue by providing educational resources;
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- 7 (3) Raising public awareness of the issue;
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- 9 (4) Working in partnership with women's organizations, the
- 10 corporate sector, the media, and other partners to
- 11 create a future with no violence against women; and
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- 13 (5) Supporting White Ribbon Campaigns around the world;

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17 WHEREAS, wearing a white ribbon is a pledge to never
18 commit, condone, nor remain silent about violence against women,
19 and to foster a society free from domestic violence; and
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21 WHEREAS, wearing a white ribbon encourages reflection and
22 discussion that will lead to personal and collective action
23 among men to stop all forms of domestic violence; now,
24 therefore,
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009,
28 that this body encourages participation in the White Ribbon
29 Campaign to end violence against women; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
32 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Human
33 Services, Director of Health, and Executive Director of the
34 Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence.
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OFFERED BY: Theranne Chun Oakland
By Request

