
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH.

1 WHEREAS, home should be a place of warmth, unconditional
2 love, and security, but for some, it has become tainted with
3 violence and fear; and
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5 WHEREAS, domestic violence is much more than the occasional
6 family dispute; and
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8 WHEREAS, domestic violence, which includes intimate partner
9 violence, is a pattern of assault or coercive behaviors that may
10 include physical injury, psychological abuse, sexual assault,
11 progressive social isolation, stalking, deprivation,
12 intimidation, and threats; and
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14 WHEREAS, domestic violence also includes socially
15 unacceptable behaviors perpetrated by an individual who is, was,
16 or wishes to be involved in an intimate or dating relationship,
17 with the intent of establishing control over another person; and
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19 WHEREAS, domestic violence is a societal problem that has
20 reached epidemic proportions; and
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22 WHEREAS, domestic violence is also a serious criminal
23 justice and public health problem, resulting in serious and
24 sometimes fatal consequences; and
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26 WHEREAS, physical and psychological abuse can be so
27 traumatizing that its adverse health effects can persist for
28 years after the abuse has ended; and
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30 WHEREAS, intimate partner violence, regardless of the
31 gender of the perpetrator or victim, affects families across
32 America in all socioeconomic, racial, and ethnic groups; and

1 WHEREAS, a coalition of organizations, including law
2 enforcement agencies, domestic violence awareness groups, health
3 care providers, community-based organizations, faith-based
4 organizations, and many other groups, has emerged to confront
5 this crisis directly to help in the effort to end domestic
6 violence; and
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8 WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the compassion and
9 dedication of the individuals involved in this effort, applaud
10 their commitment, and increase public awareness of this
11 significant problem; now, therefore,
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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
14 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
15 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature recognizes
16 October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the State of
17 Hawaii; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Attorney General,
21 prosecuting attorney in each county, chief of police in each
22 county, Executive Director of the Hawaii State Coalition Against
23 Domestic Violence, and Executive Director of the Domestic
24 Violence Action Center.