
HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF HAWAII FOR ITS
UNWAVERING SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the people of Hawaii take great pride in
2 recognizing and honoring the achievements and notable
3 contributions of individuals and organizations, who through
4 their extraordinary dedication and tireless efforts,
5 significantly add to the well-being of the community; and
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7 WHEREAS, in 1914, inspired by her experience working with
8 poor women who suffered and sometimes died due to frequent
9 pregnancies and self-induced abortions, and the deterioration of
10 her mother's health as a result of 18 pregnancies in 22 years,
11 nurse Margaret Sanger began publishing a monthly newsletter
12 called, *The Woman Rebel*, which contained valuable information on
13 safe sex and reproduction and became the first step in Sanger's
14 public activism for women's reproductive health; and
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16 WHEREAS, in 1916, with the help of her sister, Ethel Byrne,
17 Margaret Sanger opened America's first family planning and birth
18 control clinic in Brooklyn, New York, to offer counseling and
19 birth control information and supplies to women in the poverty-
20 stricken Brownsville neighborhood of Brooklyn; and
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22 WHEREAS, five years later in 1921, Margaret Sanger founded
23 the American Birth Control League, which in 1942 became part of
24 the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, one of the first
25 nonprofit organizations in the country; and
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27 WHEREAS, committed to bringing birth control information
28 and contraceptive devices to women, Margaret Sanger was
29 arrested, prosecuted, and jailed many times, but the resulting
30 public outcries helped lead to changes in laws, giving doctors
31 the right to give birth control advice and birth control devices
32 to patients; and



1 WHEREAS, since 1942, Planned Parenthood has grown to over
2 820 clinic locations in the United States, which provide primary
3 and preventive healthcare, medically accurate sex education
4 programs, and factual information to improve the sexual health
5 of individuals and families, both nationally and
6 internationally, and serve nearly five million women, men, and
7 adolescents annually; and

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9 WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood of Hawaii was founded in 1966
10 by a dedicated group of doctors and nurses who saw a need on the
11 islands for affordable and effective reproductive healthcare
12 services; and

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14 WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood of Hawaii advocates for the
15 protection of women's reproductive rights through public
16 policies that ensure access and funding for the operation and
17 support of Planned Parenthood, Federal Title X and various state
18 family planning programs, sexual education and teen pregnancy
19 prevention programs, and human papillomavirus and cervical
20 cancer screening and treatment; and

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22 WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood of Hawaii also provides a full
23 spectrum of reproductive healthcare such as annual pelvic exams,
24 pap tests, and breast exams, mid-life services including
25 hormone-replacement therapy and counseling, screening for
26 testicular cancer, low-cost birth control services and supplies,
27 emergency contraception, pregnancy testing and counseling,
28 medical and surgical abortion services and support, screening
29 and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases, and HIV testing
30 and counseling at clinics on Oahu, Maui, and Hawaii island; and

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32 WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood of Hawaii members are committed
33 to Margaret Sanger's vision of protecting the reproductive
34 rights of women, and maintaining the good health of Hawaii's
35 people; now, therefore,

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37 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
38 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
39 of 2012, that this body hereby recognizes and commends Planned
40 Parenthood of Hawaii for its unwavering support of the people of



1 Hawaii over the past 45 years, and extends its warmest aloha and
2 best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.
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