
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATURE TO PARTICIPATE IN "LIGHT THE STATE
CAPITOL BLUE" DURING THE MONTHS OF APRIL AND SEPTEMBER OF
2013 AND 2014.

1 WHEREAS, prostate cancer is a form of cancer that develops
2 in the prostate, a gland in the male reproductive system; and
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4 WHEREAS, prostate cancer is the second most common cause of
5 male cancer-related death in the United States; and
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7 WHEREAS, an estimated eight hundred men will be diagnosed
8 with prostate cancer and one hundred ten men will die of
9 prostate cancer in Hawaii during 2013; and
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11 WHEREAS, although the incident and mortality rate of
12 prostate cancer in men is comparable to that of breast cancer in
13 women, prostate cancer receives far less national and local
14 attention; and
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16 WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society recommends that men of
17 all ages be provided with sufficient information about the
18 benefits and limitations of prostate cancer testing and early
19 detection to allow them to make a decision based on their
20 personal values and preferences; and
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22 WHEREAS, increasing public awareness of prostate cancer is
23 essential to prostate cancer prevention and early treatment
24 because such awareness encourages men and families to learn
25 about prostate cancer screening, diagnosis, and treatment
26 options; and
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28 WHEREAS, the color blue is associated with prostate cancer,
29 similar to the association of pink with breast cancer; and
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31 WHEREAS, on August 31, 2012, President Barack Obama issued
32 a Presidential Proclamation proclaiming September 2012 as



1 "National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month" and encouraged all
2 citizens, government agencies, private businesses, nonprofit
3 organizations, and other groups to participate in activities
4 increasing prostate cancer awareness and prevention; and
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6 WHEREAS, on August 3, 2001, the United States Senate
7 unanimously agreed to Senate Resolution No. 138, designating the
8 month of September 2001 as "National Prostate Cancer Awareness
9 Month," to promote the education and the awareness of prostate
10 cancer; and
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12 WHEREAS, on August 28, 2012, Governor Neil Abercrombie and
13 Lieutenant Governor Brian Schatz proclaimed September 2012 as
14 Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in Hawaii and encouraged the
15 people of the Aloha State to support men who suffer from
16 prostate cancer and encouraged others to take advantage of early
17 detection screening opportunities; and
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19 WHEREAS, during September 2012, the Department of
20 Accounting and General Services permitted a banner to be
21 displayed on the state capitol grounds that encouraged men to
22 speak with their physicians about prostate cancer; and
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24 WHEREAS, on August 15, 2012, the Honolulu City Council
25 unanimously adopted Resolution No. 12-174, requesting the City
26 Administration to participate in the Hawaii Prostate Cancer
27 Coalition's initiative to "Light Honolulu Hale Blue"; and
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29 WHEREAS, during September 2012, Honolulu Hale was lit blue;
30 now, therefore,
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32 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
33 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
34 Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
35 Accounting and General Services is requested to participate in
36 the Hawaii Prostate Cancer Coalition's initiative "Light the
37 State Capitol Blue" during the months of April and September of
38 2013 and 2014; and
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Comptroller is requested to
41 permit a banner encouraging men to speak to their physicians
42 about prostate cancer to be hung on the state capitol grounds
43 during the months of April and September of 2013 and 2014; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Lieutenant
3 Governor, and Comptroller.
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