
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE UNITED STATES FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION'S
NATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO RAISE AWARENESS AND INFORM WOMEN ABOUT
MENOPAUSAL HORMONE THERAPY AND DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER AS
MENOPAUSE AWARENESS MONTH IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, in 2004, as part of its nationwide information
2 campaign to raise awareness about the resources available
3 relating to the benefits and risks of hormone therapy for
4 menopausal symptoms, the Food and Drug Administration of the
5 United States Department of Health and Human Services designated
6 September as National Menopause Awareness Month; and
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8 WHEREAS, in 2005, more than fifty million American women
9 were affected by menopause; with more than 156,239 women in
10 Hawaii over fifty years of age, many are experiencing the
11 effects of menopause; and
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13 WHEREAS, according to the American College of Obstetricians
14 and Gynecologists, "the result will be a national health concern
15 of dramatic proportions, unless women are better educated about
16 the changes of menopause and the measures that can prolong and
17 enhance their lives"; and
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19 WHEREAS, to avert the potential national health crisis, the
20 federal Food and Drug Administration's Office of Women's Health
21 provides women with the latest, most helpful educational
22 information on menopausal hormonal therapy to help women make
23 the best decision for them; and
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25 WHEREAS, if not properly treated by a trained physician or
26 nurse practitioner, the health risks of pre-menopausal and post-
27 menopausal women can result in an increased number of women
28 afflicted by osteoporosis and cardiovascular disease, in



1 addition to living with other symptoms that affect quality of
2 life, such as rapid heart beat, depression, and hot flashes; and
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4 WHEREAS, estrogen depletion, which occurs in menopause,
5 results in an increase in cardiovascular disease and
6 osteoporosis, resulting in more than five hundred thirty
7 thousand deaths of women each year; these numbers could reach
8 staggering proportions with the aging of the "Baby Boom"
9 generation; now, therefore,
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11 WHEREAS, because menopause is a serious public health
12 issue, as well as a significant concern for individual women, at
13 least fifteen states have followed the United States Food and
14 Drug Administration and declared September as "Menopause
15 Awareness Month" in their own state; and
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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
18 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
19 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature supports
20 the United States Food and Drug Administration's national
21 information campaign to raise awareness about the recent
22 findings on the risks and benefits of menopausal hormone therapy
23 by educating women about menopausal hormone therapy choices; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED in further support of the Food and
26 Drug Administration's national information campaign, the
27 Legislature also designates September 2006 as Menopause
28 Awareness Month in Hawaii; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
31 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health,
32 the President of the Hawaii Medical Association, and the
33 President of the Board of Directors of the American Menopause
34 Foundation.
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