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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING JANUARY AS CERVICAL CANCER MONTH IN HAWAII.

1           WHEREAS, cervical cancer is the third most common cancer  
2 among women in the United States, with approximately 12,200 new  
3 cases diagnosed annually, 4,100 of which result in death; and  
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5           WHEREAS, worldwide, 500,000 women will contract this disease  
6 and 250,000 will die as a result; and  
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8           WHEREAS, cervical cancer is the only cancer with one known  
9 precursor and cause—the human papillomavirus (HPV); and  
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11           WHEREAS, with regular PAP and HPV testing, cervical cancer  
12 is highly preventable, the HPV test, in particular, can identify  
13 the risk with great accuracy; and  
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15           WHEREAS, vaccines are being developed that will prevent  
16 more than 70% of cervical cancers; and  
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18           WHEREAS, Women in Government (WIG), a bi-partisan, non-  
19 profit organization of women legislators, has enlisted the aid  
20 of women legislators in all 50 states and has organized a  
21 national campaign to eliminate cervical cancer in the coming  
22 decade; and  
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24           WHEREAS, The Hawaii Legislative Women's Caucus established  
25 a speakers bureau in 2005 to educate and encourage women of  
26 Hawaii about cervical cancer and encourage women to get  
27 screened; and  
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29           WHEREAS, January is Cervical Cancer Month nationally and  
30 the Hawaii Legislature recognizes the importance of this  
31 designation; now, therefore,  
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33           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
34 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session



# H.C.R. NO. 7

1 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature recognizes  
 2 January as Cervical Cancer Month in Hawaii and endorses the  
 3 efforts of the national Women in Government campaign to  
 4 eliminate cervical cancer by educating women about the  
 5 importance of appropriate screening and the future promise of  
 6 vaccines to prevent cervical cancer; and

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 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 9 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
 10 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the  
 11 Director of the Department of Health, and the Governor.  
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