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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE GOAL OF ELIMINATING SUFFERING AND DEATH FROM  
CANCER BY THE YEAR 2015.

1           WHEREAS, cancer is the second leading cause of death and  
2 touches almost every family, with over ten million Americans now  
3 living with a history of cancer; and  
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5           WHEREAS, cancer affects one out of every four Americans or  
6 one out of every two men and one out of every three women; and  
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8           WHEREAS, this year alone, cancer will claim the lives of  
9 more than 570,000 Americans or 1,500 people per day; and  
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11           WHEREAS, 1,700 Hawaii residents or roughly one of out every  
12 five deaths in Hawaii is attributed to cancer; and  
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14           WHEREAS, more than 1,300,000 cancer cases were diagnosed in  
15 2005; and  
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17           WHEREAS, approximately 5,000 men and women in Hawaii are  
18 diagnosed each year with the disease; and  
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20           WHEREAS, it is estimated that cancer cost the Nation nearly  
21 \$190 billion in 2003, including more than \$69 billion in direct  
22 medical costs; and  
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24           WHEREAS, the cost for cancer care in Hawaii is estimated to  
25 cost \$500 million each year; and  
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27           WHEREAS, the Nation's investment in cancer research and  
28 programs have led to actual progress; and  
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30           WHEREAS, between 1991 and 2001, cancer death rates declined  
31 by more than nine percent and about 258,000 lives were saved;  
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1           WHEREAS, at least half of all cancer deaths could have been  
2 prevented by applying existing knowledge; and

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4           WHEREAS, the Director of the National Cancer Institute has  
5 set a bold goal to eliminate suffering and death from cancer by  
6 2015; and

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8           WHEREAS, eliminating cancer related suffering and death will  
9 require a commitment by the Hawaii State Legislature to continue  
10 to make the fight against cancer a priority; now, therefore,

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12           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third  
13 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the  
14 House of Representatives concurring, that the Hawaii State  
15 Legislature supports the goal of eliminating suffering and death  
16 due to cancer by 2015; and

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18           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health,  
20 the Hawaii Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition, U.S. House of  
21 Representatives, U.S. Senate, and to the Director of the National  
22 Cancer Institute.