

JAN 25 2006

SENATE 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 contact 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 Senate of the Twenty-third
34 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the
35 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature



S.C.R. NO. 1

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

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

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