
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE SECOND WEEK OF JUNE AS MEN'S HEALTH WEEK.

1 WHEREAS, despite rapid advances in medical technology and
2 research, men still have a shorter average life span than women;
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5 WHEREAS, diseases that solely afflict men such as
6 testicular cancer and prostate cancer represent some of the
7 biggest health risks for men; and
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9 WHEREAS, men die of cancer at 1.5 times the rate for women;
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12 WHEREAS, all ten of the leading causes of death impact men
13 at a higher percentage than women; and
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15 WHEREAS, one of the biggest obstacles to improving the
16 health of men is a lack of awareness and apathy that many men
17 have towards obtaining medical treatment; and
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19 WHEREAS, educating the public and health care providers
20 about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and early detection
21 of male health problems may eventually lead to reduced mortality
22 rates from diseases such as cancer and heart disease; and
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24 WHEREAS, men who are educated about the value of preventive
25 health will be more likely to participate in health screening
26 programs; and
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28 WHEREAS, the Men's Health Network worked with the United
29 States Congress to develop National Men's Health Week as a
30 special campaign to help educate men and their families about
31 the importance of positive health attitudes and preventive
32 health practices; and



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1 WHEREAS, Hawaii Men's Health Week will focus on a broad
2 range of men's health issues, including heart disease, diabetes,
3 prostate, testicular, and colon cancer; and
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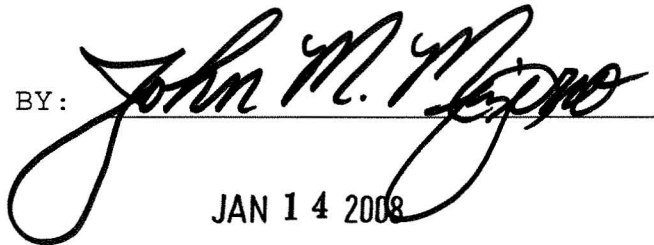
5 WHEREAS, citizens of this State are encouraged to increase
6 their awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle,
7 regular exercise, and medical check-ups; and
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9 WHEREAS, the Governor issued a proclamation on March 2,
10 2004, declaring June 14 through 20, 2004, to be Men's Health
11 Week; now, therefore,
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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
14 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
15 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature
16 officially recognizes the second week of June as Men's Health
17 Week; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature supports and
20 encourages all national, state, and local efforts to educate the
21 public on men's health issues, and improve access to health care
22 for men of all ages.
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