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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING PARTICIPATION IN THE BLACK RIBBON AND BLACK ARM BAND  
CAMPAIGN AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

1 WHEREAS, according to the Surgeon General, United States  
2 Public Health Service, domestic violence is a problem of  
3 epidemic proportions; and  
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5 WHEREAS, according to the Community Overcoming Relationship  
6 Abuse organization, also known as CORA, a woman is abused every  
7 nine seconds, 3,000,000 to 10,000,000 children witness domestic  
8 violence every year, and one in five high school females  
9 experience dating violence; and  
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11 WHEREAS, a fact sheet prepared by the National Coalition  
12 Against Domestic Violence stated that in 1999, there were 8,013  
13 reported cases of domestic violence in Hawaii; and  
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15 WHEREAS, the Honolulu Police Department estimates that it  
16 spends up to one-third to one-half of their work time responding  
17 to "domestic" calls; and  
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19 WHEREAS, in addition to the physical and psychological  
20 effects of domestic violence on the victim and the victim's  
21 family, there are job-related consequences; and  
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23 WHEREAS, domestic violence is the number one cause of  
24 injury to women, and CORA estimates that it costs the American  
25 economy between \$8,000,000,000 to \$10,000,000,000 in  
26 absenteeism, medical costs, employee turnover, lost  
27 productivity, and other costs; and  
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29 WHEREAS, the goals of the Black Ribbon and Black Arm Band  
30 Campaign are to urge men to show their support for:  
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32 (1) Ending men's violence against women;  
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34 (2) Raising awareness of the problem in the community;  
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1 (3) Conducting educational work in schools, workplaces,  
2 and communities; and

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4 (4) Supporting organizations that assist with the  
5 consequences of violence against women;

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9 WHEREAS, wearing a black ribbon and black arm band is a  
10 statement that an individual will never commit, condone, nor  
11 remain silent about violence against women; and

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13 WHEREAS, wearing a black ribbon and black arm band  
14 encourages reflection and discussion that will lead to personal  
15 and collective action among men to stop violence against women;  
16 now, therefore,

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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
19 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
20 Session of 2008, that this body encourages participation in the  
21 Black Ribbon and Black Arm Band Campaign against domestic  
22 violence; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
25 Resolution be transmitted to the Hawaii State Coalition Against  
26 Domestic Violence.

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