
HOUSE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING PARTICIPATION IN THE STATEWIDE 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 \$8,000,000,000 to \$10,000,000,000 in absenteeism,
26 medical costs, employee turnover, lost productivity, and other
27 costs; and
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29 WHEREAS, the goals of the Black Ribbon and Black Arm Band
30 Campaign are to:
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32 (1) Urge men, women, youth, and seniors to show their
33 support for ending all forms of domestic violence;
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35 (2) Raise awareness of domestic violence in the community;



- 1 (3) Conduct domestic violence education workshops in
- 2 schools, workplaces, and communities;
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- 4 (4) Support organizations that deal with the consequences
- 5 of violence;
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- 7 (5) Empower victims of domestic violence; and
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- 9 (6) Provide a safe haven for victims of domestic violence;

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11 and

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

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17 WHEREAS, wearing a black ribbon or black arm band is a
18 pledge to represent a community free from domestic violence; and

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20 WHEREAS, wearing a black ribbon and black arm band
21 encourages reflection and discussion that will lead to personal
22 and collective action among men, women, youth, and seniors to
23 stop all forms of domestic violence; now, therefore,

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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
26 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
27 Session of 2008, that this body encourages participation in the
28 statewide Black Ribbon and Black Arm Band Campaign against
29 domestic violence; and

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
32 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Human
33 Services, Director of Health, and Executive Director of the
34 Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

