
HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2008 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH.

1 WHEREAS, home should be a place of warmth, unconditional
2 love, and security, but for some, it has become tainted with
3 violence and fear; and
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5 WHEREAS, domestic violence is much more than the occasional
6 family dispute; and
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8 WHEREAS, domestic violence, also known as intimate partner
9 violence, is a pattern of assault or coercive behaviors that may
10 include physical injury, psychological abuse, sexual assault,
11 progressive social isolation, stalking, deprivation,
12 intimidation, and threats; and
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14 WHEREAS, these behaviors are often perpetrated by an
15 individual who is, was, or wishes to be involved in an intimate
16 or dating relationship, and are aimed at establishing control
17 over another person; and
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19 WHEREAS, domestic violence is a societal problem that has
20 reached epidemic proportions; and
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22 WHEREAS, domestic violence is also a serious criminal
23 justice and public health problem; and
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25 WHEREAS, domestic violence has serious health consequences,
26 and violent events can be severe and sometimes fatal, while
27 physical and psychological abuse has been linked to a number of
28 adverse health effects, often persisting for years after the
29 abuse has ended; and
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31 WHEREAS, intimate partner violence, regardless of gender,
32 affects families across America in all socioeconomic, racial,
33 and ethnic groups; and



1 WHEREAS, a coalition of organizations has emerged to
 2 confront this crisis directly, including law enforcement
 3 agencies, domestic violence awareness groups, health care
 4 providers, community-based organizations, faith-based
 5 organizations, and many other groups, to help in the effort to
 6 end domestic violence; and
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8 WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the compassion and
 9 dedication of the individuals involved in this effort, applaud
 10 their commitment, and increase the public awareness of this
 11 significant problem; 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, that this body hereby recognizes October 2008
 16 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the State of Hawaii; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 19 Resolution be transmitted to the Attorney General, prosecuting
 20 attorney in each county, chief of police of the police
 21 departments in each county, Executive Director of the Hawaii
 22 State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and Executive
 23 Director of the Domestic Violence Action Center.
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