
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

1 WHEREAS, according to the Surgeon General of the United
2 States Department of Health and Human Services, domestic
3 violence is a problem of 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 violence in their dating relationships; 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 its time responding to
17 "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 often 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 work absenteeism,
26 medical costs, employee turnover, lost productivity, and other
27 costs; and
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29 WHEREAS, the goals of the Purple Ribbon and Purple Arm Band
30 Campaign are to:

- 31 (1) Urge men, women, youth, and seniors to show their
32 support for ending all forms of domestic violence;



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- 2 (2) Raise awareness of domestic violence in the community;
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- 4 (3) Conduct domestic violence education workshops in
- 5 schools, workplaces, and communities;
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- 7 (4) Support organizations that deal with the consequences
- 8 of violence;
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- 10 (5) Empower victims of domestic violence; and
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- 12 (6) Provide a safe haven for victims of domestic violence;
- 13 and
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15 WHEREAS, wearing a purple ribbon and purple arm band is a
 16 statement that an individual will never commit, condone, nor
 17 remain silent about violence against women; and

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 19 WHEREAS, wearing a purple ribbon or purple arm band is a
 20 pledge to represent a community free from domestic violence; and

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

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 27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 28 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
 29 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature
 30 encourages participation in the statewide Purple Ribbon and
 31 Purple Arm Band Campaign against domestic violence; and

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

