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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS WOMEN'S HEALTH MONTH.

1           WHEREAS, women face a multitude of health risks that affect  
2 not only their own well-being, but the well-being of their  
3 children; and

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5           WHEREAS, minority women are disproportionately affected by  
6 health conditions, including tobacco-related cancers, heart  
7 disease, depression, and reproductive health risks; and

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9           WHEREAS, the additional responsibilities women have  
10 undertaken in the last 60 years, both inside and outside the  
11 home, have led to increased health risks such as heart disease  
12 and hypertension; and

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14           WHEREAS, state government can increase its support for  
15 women's health and can make a significant difference in  
16 improving the status of women's health; and

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18           WHEREAS, Women's Health Month is a time dedicated to  
19 raising public consciousness about health care and issues unique  
20 to women, and improving the health and well-being of women in  
21 Hawaii; and

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23           WHEREAS, raising awareness about the role women can play in  
24 disease prevention and treatment, and educating others will  
25 result in better health in their families and in Hawaii overall;  
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28           WHEREAS, recognition of health issues unique to women and  
29 differences in health and health care experiences across  
30 cultures and age groups among women is critical to the



1 development of strategies for improving the health care and  
2 quality of life for women and girls; and  
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4 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
5 reports that the incidence of cervical cancer and number of  
6 deaths from cervical cancer have significantly decreased in the  
7 last 40 years primarily as a result of early detection, and  
8 early detection can only occur when women are aware of the  
9 risks; and  
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11 WHEREAS, the purpose of Women's Health Month is to maximize  
12 public awareness of women's health issues, empower women to be  
13 their own health advocates, reduce health care disparities, and  
14 promote the physical and emotional well-being of women in  
15 Hawaii; and  
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17 WHEREAS, Women's Health Month activities need not be costly  
18 or complicated to have a positive and tangible effect on the  
19 lives of women; and  
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21 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women  
22 celebrated their first annual Women and Family Wellness Day in  
23 Hilo on September 13, 2008; and  
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25 WHEREAS, events such as these offer an opportunity for  
26 local community partners to work collaboratively for the benefit  
27 of all of Hawaii's women; now, therefore,  
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
30 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
31 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature recognizes  
32 October as Women's Health Month; and  
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that organizations that participate  
35 in Women's Health Month shall incorporate events designed to  
36 raise awareness of, and educate the public about women's health  
37 issues; and that the month of events will include education  
38 workshops, health fairs, lectures, fitness activities, and other  
39 special events; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature applauds all  
 2 women who take an active role in carrying out the goals of  
 3 educating others about healthier lifestyles, prevention, and  
 4 treatment; and

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 6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 7 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director  
 8 of Health, Director of Human Services, and Executive Director of  
 9 the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women.

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