
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING INTERNATIONAL WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGNS TO END MEN'S
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND ENCOURAGING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
A WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN ORGANIZATION IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, at least two former United States Surgeon
2 Generals, Antonia Novella and General C. Everett Koop, have
3 declared domestic violence to be a problem of epidemic
4 proportions nationwide; and
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6 WHEREAS, according to the Community Overcoming Relationship
7 Abuse organization, a woman is abused every nine seconds, three
8 to ten million children witness domestic violence every year,
9 and one in five high school students experience physical or
10 sexual violence, or both, by a dating partner; and
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12 WHEREAS, National Coalition Against Domestic Violence
13 statistics indicate that there were 8,013 reported cases of
14 domestic violence in Hawaii in 1999; and
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16 WHEREAS, the Honolulu Police Department estimates that up
17 to one-third to one-half of police officers' work time is spent
18 responding to "domestic" calls; and
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20 WHEREAS, in addition to the physical and psychological
21 effects of domestic violence on the victim and the victim's
22 family, job-related consequences, including absenteeism, medical
23 costs, employee turnover, and lost productivity, cost the
24 American economy between \$8,000,000,000 and \$10,000,000,000; and
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26 WHEREAS, the White Ribbon Campaign was established in
27 Canada in 1991 by men who felt a responsibility to speak out
28 against men's violence against women; the campaign actively
29 works to end men's violence in all forms against women and to
30 create a future without violence against women; and
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1 WHEREAS, although the focus of the original White Ribbon
2 Campaign was to educate men and boys on issues relating to
3 ending men's violence against women, White Ribbon Campaign
4 organizations around the world now support ending all forms of
5 violence, including violence against children, in relationships,
6 and in war by:

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- 8 (1) Organizing people to speak out and consider their
9 personal beliefs, language, and actions;
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 - 11 (2) Educating young people, especially young men and boys,
12 on the issues through educational resources;
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 - 14 (3) Raising public awareness on the issue of violence
15 against women and other forms of violence;
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 - 17 (4) Working in partnership with women's organizations, the
18 private sector, media, and other partners to create a
19 future with no violence against women; and
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 - 21 (5) Supporting White Ribbon Campaigns around the globe;
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24 WHEREAS, originally established by concerned men in Canada,
25 White Ribbon Campaigns currently are led by both men and women
26 in more than fifty-five countries; and

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28 WHEREAS, wearing a white ribbon in support of the White
29 Ribbon Campaign is a personal pledge to never commit, condone,
30 nor remain silent about violence against women and girls and to
31 work to end all forms of violence; now, therefore,

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33 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
34 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
35 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature expresses
36 support for the activities of White Ribbon Campaign
37 organizations around the world, in particular for the many men
38 working to end men's violence against women; and

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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature encourages
41 residents of Hawaii, especially men and boys, to participate in
42 local activities that support the goals of the White Ribbon
43 Campaign; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature encourages
 2 interested Hawaii residents, especially men and boys, and local
 3 organizations to work together to establish a local organization
 4 of men working to end men's violence against women, a White
 5 Ribbon Campaign of Hawaii, and to work cooperatively and
 6 collaboratively to create a future in Hawaii where there is no
 7 violence against women; the White Ribbon Campaign of Hawaii is
 8 encouraged to enable and support active participation of women
 9 to achieve campaign goals, including ending all forms of
 10 violence; and

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 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 13 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the
 14 Director of Human Services, the Director of Health, and the
 15 Executive Director of the Hawaii State Coalition Against
 16 Domestic Violence, who, in turn, is requested to transmit copies
 17 to its members and other relevant organizations.
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