
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING RELIGIOUS AND FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO SERVE AS
SAFE HAVENS FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

1 WHEREAS, domestic violence consists of behaviors used by
2 one person in a relationship to control the other; and
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4 WHEREAS, domestic violence can occur in many forms such as
5 psychological, emotional, or sexual abuse and can happen once or
6 periodically to victims of any age, gender, race, culture,
7 education level, employment or marital status, or religion; and
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9 WHEREAS, victims of abuse, particularly women and families
10 in need, benefit not only from information about preventing,
11 stopping or recognizing the warning signs of domestic violence
12 or abuse, but they also need support from family and friends and
13 others from their religious community that they trust; and
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15 WHEREAS, Hawaii's religious and faith-based communities can
16 be a source of support for victims of domestic violence and
17 their religious organizations can be considered safe
18 environments where domestic violence victims and their family
19 members can receive assistance, counseling, and referral
20 services; and
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22 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic
23 Violence is a private, not-for-profit statewide organization
24 whose purpose is to end family violence in Hawaii by
25 coordinating domestic violence prevention and intervention
26 services, affecting public policy, and establishing coordinated
27 and consistent procedures and actions by the civil and criminal
28 justice systems in Hawaii; and
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30 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic
31 Violence serves as a clearinghouse, provides technical



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1 assistance on family violence matters, and provides facilitation
2 when requested by member agencies; now, therefore,
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
5 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
6 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that all religious or faith-
7 based member organizations are urged to serve as safe havens for
8 victims of domestic violence; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Hawaii State
12 Coalition Against Domestic Violence, which in turn is requested
13 to transmit copies to religious or faith-based member
14 organizations throughout the State.
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