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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2009 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, domestic violence also includes socially  
15 unacceptable behaviors perpetrated by an individual who is, was,  
16 or wishes to be involved in an intimate or dating relationship,  
17 with the intent of establishing control 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, resulting in serious and  
24 sometimes fatal consequences; and  
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26           WHEREAS, physical and psychological abuse can be so  
27 traumatizing that its adverse health effects can persist for  
28 years after the abuse has ended; and  
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30           WHEREAS, intimate partner violence, regardless of gender,  
31 affects families across America in all socioeconomic, racial,  
32 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-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
15 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature recognizes  
16 October 2009 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the State  
17 of Hawaii; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Attorney General,  
21 prosecuting attorney in each county, chief of police of the  
22 police departments in each county, Executive Director of the  
23 Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and Executive  
24 Director of the Domestic Violence Action Center.

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