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



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
3 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Health,
4 Director of Human Services, and Executive Director of the Hawaii
5 State Commission on the Status of Women.
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