
HOUSE 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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32 WHEREAS, although the focus of the original White Ribbon
33 Campaign was to educate men and boys on issues relating to
34 ending men's violence against women, White Ribbon Campaign



1 organizations around the world now support ending all forms of
2 violence, including violence against children, in relationships,
3 and in war by:

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

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

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

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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body encourages residents
38 of Hawaii, especially men and boys, to participate in local
39 activities that support the goals of the White Ribbon Campaign;
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42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body encourages interested
43 Hawaii residents, especially men and boys, and local
44 organizations to work together to establish a local organization



1 of men working to end men's violence against women, a White
2 Ribbon Campaign of Hawaii, and to work cooperatively and
3 collaboratively to create a future in Hawaii where there is no
4 violence against women; the White Ribbon Campaign of Hawaii is
5 encouraged to enable and support active participation of women
6 to achieve campaign goals, including ending all forms of
7 violence; and

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

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