
HOUSE 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, that this body recognizes October 2009 as Domestic
16 Violence Awareness Month in the State of Hawaii; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
19 Resolution be transmitted to the Attorney General, prosecuting
20 attorney in each county, chief of police of the police
21 departments in each county, Executive Director of the Hawaii
22 State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and Executive
23 Director of the Domestic Violence Action Center.
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