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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 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, which includes 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 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 as Domestic Violence  
16 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.

