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RE: Support for HCR38

Please support HCR38 that asks to acknowledge the month of October 2009 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the state of Hawaii, that is also **nationally recognized** as DV Awareness Month. The month of October is also the month that recognizes Breast Cancer Awareness and it's impossible to miss the pink ribbon anywhere you go or look during that month. Not to minimize breast cancer by any means but breast cancer effects 1 out of every **8** women in their lifetimes whereas domestic violence will effect 1 out of every **4** women AND the deaths directly attributed to domestic violence outweigh the deaths attributed to breast cancer annually. We are FAR from a cure for domestic violence and that is why it's so important to have Domestic Violence Awareness Month formally acknowledged; without calling attention to the problem, it cannot be stopped.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Most respectfully,

Dara Carlin, M.A.

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