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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING APRIL AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION  
MONTH.

1           WHEREAS, sexual assault affects women, men, and children of  
2 all racial, social, religious, age, ethnic, and economic groups  
3 in the United States; and  
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5           WHEREAS, on average, one person is sexually assaulted in  
6 the United States every two and a half minutes; and  
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8           WHEREAS, one in six women and one in 33 men have been the  
9 victim of rape or attempted rape; and  
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11           WHEREAS, the Department of Defense received 2,688 reports  
12 of sexual assault involving members of the Armed Forces in  
13 fiscal year 2007; and  
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15           WHEREAS, the rate of reported forcible rape, including  
16 assaults and attempts to commit rape by force in the State of  
17 Hawaii increased 3.9 percent from 2006 to 2007; and  
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19           WHEREAS, only 41 percent of sexual assault victims pursue  
20 prosecution by reporting their attacks to law enforcement  
21 agencies; and  
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23           WHEREAS, sexual assault survivors suffer emotional scars  
24 long after the physical scars have healed; and  
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26           WHEREAS, prevention education programs carried out by rape  
27 crisis and women's health centers have the potential to reduce  
28 the prevalence of sexual assault in their communities; now,  
29 therefore,



# H.C.R. NO. 59

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 2 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
 3 of 2010, the Senate concurring, that April is recognized as  
 4 "Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month"; and

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 6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the month of April will provide  
 7 a special opportunity to educate the people of Hawaii about  
 8 sexual violence and to encourage the prevention of sexual  
 9 assault, the improved treatment of its survivors, and the  
 10 prosecution of its perpetrators; and

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 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that community organizations and  
 13 private sector supporters should be recognized and applauded for  
 14 their work in promoting awareness about sexual assault, and  
 15 providing information and treatment to its survivors; and

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 17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature encourages  
 18 community organizations, businesses in the private sector,  
 19 colleges and universities, and the media to promote, through  
 20 "Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month," awareness of  
 21 sexual violence and strategies to decrease the incidence of  
 22 sexual assault; and

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 24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Human  
 26 Services and Executive Director of the Hawaii State Coalition  
 27 Against Domestic Violence.

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