
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 minutes; and
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8 WHEREAS, one in six women and one in thirty-three men in
9 the United States have been the victim of rape or attempted
10 rape; and
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12 WHEREAS, the Department of Defense received 3,230 reports
13 of sexual assault involving members of the Armed Forces in
14 fiscal year 2009, representing an eleven percent increase from
15 2008; and
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17 WHEREAS, it is estimated that nearly sixty-seven thousand
18 adult women in Hawaii have been the victim of forcible rape
19 sometime in their lifetime; and
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21 WHEREAS, only forty percent of sexual assault victims
22 pursue prosecution by reporting their attacks to law enforcement
23 agencies; and
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25 WHEREAS, sexual assault survivors suffer emotional scars
26 long after the physical scars have healed; and
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28 WHEREAS, sexual assault prevention education programs
29 carried out by rape crisis and women's health centers have the
30 potential to reduce the prevalence of sexual assault; now,
31 therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
3 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that April is recognized as
4 Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month in Hawaii; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the month of April be used to
7 provide a special opportunity to educate the people of Hawaii
8 about 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 be recognized and applauded for their
14 work in promoting awareness about sexual assault, and providing
15 information and treatment to its survivors; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature encourage
18 community organizations, businesses in the private sector,
19 colleges and universities, and the media to promote awareness of
20 sexual violence and strategies to decrease the incidence of
21 sexual assault through Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention
22 Month; 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, Department of Health, Department of the Attorney
27 General, Hawaii Coalition Against Sexual Assault, and the
28 Administrative Manager of the Hawaii State Coalition Against
29 Domestic Violence, who in turn is requested to transmit copies
30 to its member organizations.

