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## HOUSE 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 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 per cent 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-one per cent 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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33           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
34 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session



1 of 2011, that April is recognized as Sexual Assault Awareness  
2 and Prevention Month in Hawaii; and  
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the month of April be used to  
5 provide a special opportunity to educate the people of Hawaii  
6 about sexual violence and to encourage the prevention of sexual  
7 assault, the improved treatment of its survivors, and the  
8 prosecution of its perpetrators; and  
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that community organizations and  
11 private sector supporters should be recognized and applauded for  
12 their work in promoting awareness about sexual assault, and  
13 providing information and treatment to its survivors; and  
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature encourages  
16 community organizations, businesses in the private sector,  
17 colleges and universities, and the media to promote, through  
18 Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, awareness of  
19 sexual violence and strategies to decrease the incidence of  
20 sexual assault; and  
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
23 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Human Services and  
24 the Administrative Manager of the Hawaii State Coalition Against  
25 Domestic Violence, who in turn is requested to transmit copies  
26 to its member organizations.  
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