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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS WOMEN'S HEALTH MONTH.

1           WHEREAS, women face a multitude of health risks that affect  
2 not only their own well-being, but the well-being of their  
3 children; and

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5           WHEREAS, minority women are disproportionately affected by  
6 health conditions, including tobacco-related cancers, heart  
7 disease, depression, and reproductive health risks; and

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9           WHEREAS, the additional responsibilities women have  
10 undertaken in the last 60 years, both inside and outside the  
11 home, have led to increased health risks such as heart disease  
12 and hypertension; and

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14           WHEREAS, state government can increase its support for  
15 women's health and can make a significant difference in  
16 improving the status of women's health; and

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18           WHEREAS, Women's Health Month is a time dedicated to  
19 raising public consciousness about health care and issues unique  
20 to women, and improving the health and well-being of women in  
21 Hawaii; and

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23           WHEREAS, raising awareness about the role women can play in  
24 disease prevention and treatment, and educating others will  
25 result in better health in their families and in Hawaii overall;  
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28           WHEREAS, recognition of health issues unique to women and  
29 differences in health and health care experiences across  
30 cultures and age groups among women is critical to the  
31 development of strategies for improving the health care and  
32 quality of life for women and girls; and



1           WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
2 reports that the incidence of cervical cancer and number of  
3 deaths from cervical cancer have significantly decreased in the  
4 last 40 years primarily as a result of early detection, and  
5 early detection can only occur when women are aware of the  
6 risks; and  
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8           WHEREAS, the purpose of Women's Health Month is to maximize  
9 public awareness of women's health issues, empower women to be  
10 their own health advocates, reduce health care disparities, and  
11 promote the physical and emotional well-being of women in  
12 Hawaii; and  
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14           WHEREAS, Women's Health Month activities need not be costly  
15 or complicated to have a positive and tangible effect on the  
16 lives of women; and  
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18           WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women  
19 celebrated its first annual Women and Family Wellness Day in  
20 Hilo on September 13, 2008; and  
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22           WHEREAS, events such as these offer an opportunity for  
23 local community partners to work collaboratively for the benefit  
24 of all of Hawaii's women; now, therefore,  
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26           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
27 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
28 of 2011, that this body recognizes October as Women's Health  
29 Month; and  
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31           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that organizations that participate  
32 in Women's Health Month shall incorporate events designed to  
33 raise awareness of, and educate the public about women's health  
34 issues; and that the month of events will include education  
35 workshops, health fairs, lectures, fitness activities, and other  
36 special events; and  
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38           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body applauds all women  
39 who take an active role in carrying out the goals of educating  
40 others about healthier lifestyles, prevention, and treatment;  
41 and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 2 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Health,  
 3 Director of Human Services, and Executive Director of the Hawaii  
 4 State Commission on the Status of Women.  
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