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SENATE 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 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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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
 2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the
 3 House of Representatives 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 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 the Administrative Manager of the Hawaii State
 27 Coalition Against Domestic Violence, who in turn is requested to
 28 transmit copies to its member organizations.
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