
SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING APRIL AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION
MONTH.

1 WHEREAS, sexual assault affects women, men, and children of
2 all ages and racial, social, religious, ethnic, and economic
3 groups 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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33 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
34 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011,
35 that April is recognized as Sexual Assault Awareness and
36 Prevention Month in Hawaii; and



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