
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING MARCH AS BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH.

1 WHEREAS, brain injury is a serious, national public health
2 epidemic affecting 5.3 million Americans, with a person
3 sustaining a brain injury every 21 seconds; and
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5 WHEREAS, each year, at least 50,000 Americans die and
6 80,000 Americans experience the onset of life-long disabilities
7 as a result of sustaining a brain injury; and
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9 WHEREAS, brain injury can affect every aspect of an
10 individual's life, including physical, cognitive, emotional,
11 social, and behavioral aspects; and
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13 WHEREAS, the majority of people who suffer from mild or
14 moderate brain injuries recover fully, but the effects, while
15 they last, can be confusing, frightening, and disruptive; and
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17 WHEREAS, the Brain Injury Association of Hawaii is
18 dedicated to improving the quality of life of persons with brain
19 injury; increasing public awareness by providing educational
20 information, resources, and support for individuals who have
21 sustained a brain injury; and promoting prevention of brain
22 injuries in our community; and
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24 WHEREAS, during the month of March, organizations and
25 individuals across the nation will take part in a month-long
26 public education initiative in observance of Brain Injury
27 Awareness Month; now, therefore,
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
30 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
31 Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that March be designated
32 as Brain Injury Awareness Month to increase public awareness and
33 education regarding the seriousness of brain injuries, support



1 for individuals who have sustained brain injuries, and ways to
2 prevent brain injury; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director
6 of Health, and the Brain Injury Association of Hawaii.

