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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATURE TO PARTICIPATE IN "LIGHT THE STATE
CAPITOL BLUE" DURING A PORTION OF THE 2013 REGULAR SESSION.

1 WHEREAS, prostate cancer is a form of cancer that develops
2 in the prostate, a gland in the male reproductive system; and
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4 WHEREAS, prostate cancer is the second most common cause of
5 male cancer-related death in the United States; and
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7 WHEREAS, an estimated eight hundred men will be diagnosed
8 with prostate cancer and one hundred ten men will die of
9 prostate cancer in Hawaii during 2013; and
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11 WHEREAS, although the incident and mortality rate of
12 prostate cancer in men is comparable to that of breast cancer in
13 women, prostate cancer receives far less national and local
14 attention; and
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16 WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society recommends that men of
17 all ages be provided with sufficient information about the
18 benefits and limitations of prostate cancer testing and early
19 detection to allow them to make a decision based on their
20 personal values and preferences; and
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22 WHEREAS, increasing public awareness of prostate cancer is
23 essential to prostate cancer prevention and early treatment
24 because such awareness encourages men and families to learn
25 about prostate cancer screening, diagnosis, and treatment
26 options; and
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28 WHEREAS, the color blue is associated with prostate cancer,
29 similar to the association of pink with breast cancer; and
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31 WHEREAS, on August 31, 2012, President Barack Obama issued
32 a Presidential Proclamation proclaiming September 2012 as
33 "National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month" and encouraged all



1 citizens, government agencies, private businesses, nonprofit
2 organizations, and other groups to participate in activities
3 increasing prostate cancer awareness and prevention; and
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5 WHEREAS, on August 3, 2001, the United States Senate
6 unanimously agreed to Senate Resolution No. 138, designating the
7 month of September 2001 as "National Prostate Cancer Awareness
8 Month," to promote the education and the awareness of prostate
9 cancer; and
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11 WHEREAS, on August 28, 2012, Governor Neil Abercrombie and
12 Lieutenant Governor Brian Schatz proclaimed September 2012 as
13 Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in Hawaii and encouraged the
14 people of the Aloha State to support men who suffer from
15 prostate cancer and encouraged others to take advantage of early
16 detection screening opportunities; and
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18 WHEREAS, during September 2012, the Department of
19 Accounting and General Services permitted a banner to be
20 displayed on the state capitol grounds that encouraged men to
21 speak with their physicians about prostate cancer; and
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23 WHEREAS, on August 15, 2012, the Honolulu City Council
24 unanimously adopted Resolution No. 12-174, requesting the City
25 Administration to participate in the Hawaii Prostate Cancer
26 Coalition's initiative to "Light Honolulu Hale Blue;" and
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28 WHEREAS, during September 2012, Honolulu Hale was lit blue;
29 now, therefore,
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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
32 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, the
33 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
34 Accounting and General Services is requested to participate in
35 the Hawaii Prostate Cancer Coalition's initiative "Light the
36 State Capitol Blue" during a portion of the 2013 Regular Session
37 of the Legislature; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Comptroller is requested to
40 permit a banner encouraging men to speak to their physicians
41 about prostate cancer to be hung on the state capitol grounds
42 during the month of September 2013; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Lieutenant
 3 Governor, and the Comptroller.
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