
HOUSE RESOLUTION

COMMENDING THE HAWAII COALITION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT AND
SUPPORTING AGENCIES FOR THE VITAL SERVICES THEY RENDER TO
SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS IN THE STATE OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, according to the American Medical Association,
2 sexual assault continues to represent the most rapidly growing
3 violent crime in America; and

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5 WHEREAS, the National Victim Center reports that over
6 700,000 women are raped or sexually assaulted annually, and of
7 these victims, 61 percent are under the age of 18; and

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9 WHEREAS, the American Medical Association has stated that a
10 "woman is raped every 46 seconds in the United States" and that
11 sexual assault is a "silent epidemic"; and

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13 WHEREAS, in the National Intimate Partner and Sexual
14 Violence Survey, 1 in 71 men or 1.4 percent reported
15 experiencing rape at some time in their lives; and

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17 WHEREAS, sexual assault affects Hawaii's citizens every
18 day, but is often underreported to police; and

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20 WHEREAS, sexual victimization is associated with severe and
21 enduring consequences for victims, including increased drug and
22 alcohol use, domestic violence, depression, suicide, and teenage
23 pregnancy; and

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25 WHEREAS, Hawaii has a multitude of sexual assault centers
26 and military sexual assault programs that serve Hawaii's diverse
27 communities and confront this silent epidemic year round; and

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29 WHEREAS, the services provided by the centers and military
30 programs are a vital tool in the prevention of sexual assault
31 and treatment of sexual assault victims; and



1 WHEREAS, organizations like the Resource Sharing Project
2 and the National Sexual Violence Resource Center have
3 spearheaded efforts to bring awareness to this growing problem
4 by partnering with state, territorial, and tribal coalitions;
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7 WHEREAS, by coordinating sexual assault awareness month
8 activities and encouraging interaction and feedback from across
9 the nation, the National Sexual Violence Resource Center has
10 made significant progress in educating communities and
11 individuals on how to prevent sexual assault; and

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13 WHEREAS, locally, the Hawaii Coalition Against Sexual
14 Assault leads the way in supporting sexual assault programs and
15 agencies that provide sexual assault intervention, treatment,
16 and prevention services; and

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18 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Coalition Against Sexual Assault
19 acknowledges the critical role of organizations like The Sex
20 Abuse Treatment Center and the military sexual assault programs
21 in providing essential services to sexual assault victims; and

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23 WHEREAS, the following sexual assault centers and military
24 sexual assault programs merit special recognition for their
25 dedication and commitment to providing services and support to
26 survivors and working to prevent sexual violence:

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28 • Hawaii Island Sexual Assault Support Services;
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30 • Kauai Sexual Assault Treatment Services;
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32 • Maui Sexual Assault Center;
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34 • Oahu Sex Abuse Treatment Center;
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36 • Hawaii Air National Guard Sexual Assault Prevention &
37 Response Program;
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39 • Hawaii Army National Guard Sexual Harassment/Assault
40 Response & Prevention Program;



- 1 • U.S. Air Force Sexual Assault Prevention & Response
- 2 Program;
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- 4 • U.S. Army Sexual Harassment/Assault Response & Prevention
- 5 Program;
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- 7 • U.S. Coast Guard Sexual Assault Prevention & Response
- 8 Program;
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- 10 • U.S. Marine Corps Sexual Assault Prevention & Response
- 11 Program; and
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- 13 • U.S. Navy Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Program;
- 14 now, therefore,
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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 17 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
 18 Session of 2014, that this body commends the Hawaii Coalition
 19 Against Sexual Assault and supporting agencies for the vital
 20 services they render to sexual assault victims in the State of
 21 Hawaii, expresses its most heartfelt appreciation for the
 22 healing and guidance they provide to renew and restore hope for
 23 victims, and extends its best wishes to them for continued
 24 success in all future endeavors.

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