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House Bill No. 2539

Relating to Saint Marianne Cope Day.

Designates January 23 of each year as Saint Marianne Cope Day in Hawai'i

Saint Marianne led a group of Franciscan Sisters/Nurses to the Hawaiian Islands to care for the poor suffering souls afflicted with Hansen's disease. She was instrumental in founding schools for immigrants and hospitals to care for the people of these islands.

Saint Marianne was truly a servant of servants living in exile for more than 30 years with those to whom she ministered. Having no distinction as to a person's nationality, religion or color, she served those at Kalaupapa and made their lives more hope filled during their last years. She made it a time of peace and contentment for them. She taught us how to serve the outcasts of society.

Therefore, as an educator and Administrator of young women and men of Hawai'i, I am in full support of House Bill No. 2539, designating January 23rd of each year as Saint Marianne Cope day in Hawaii.

Sincerely,

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