
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING MARCH 2019 AS BLEEDING DISORDERS AWARENESS MONTH.

1 WHEREAS, March 1986 was declared the first Hemophilia
2 Awareness Month by President Ronald Reagan, and March 2016 was
3 named National Bleeding Disorders Month by the United States
4 Department of Health and Human Services; and
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6 WHEREAS, bleeding disorders impact thousands of individuals
7 in the United States, and greater awareness and understanding of
8 inheritable bleeding disorders is needed; and
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10 WHEREAS, hemophilia, which affects one in every 4,000 live
11 male births, is one example of a bleeding disorder that inhibits
12 the body's ability to clot blood and causes severe bleeding even
13 from slight injury; and
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15 WHEREAS, because of bleeding disorders, individuals may
16 miss time at work and school, have a constrained quality of
17 life, and often lose the ability to perform basic day-to-day
18 activities; and
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20 WHEREAS, individuals with bleeding disorders can control
21 bleeding episodes and live ordinary, fulfilling lives with the
22 proper care and access to comprehensive medical care, such as
23 regular visits to federally-recognized Hemophilia Treatment
24 Centers; and
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26 WHEREAS, designating March as Bleeding Disorders Awareness
27 Month in Hawaii will promote a greater sense of shared purpose
28 among individuals with bleeding disorders, raise awareness among
29 the rest of the community, and build upon the work of former
30 Presidents and Administrations; now, therefore,
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H.C.R. NO. 16

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 2 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
 3 2019, the Senate concurring, that March 2019 is designated as
 4 Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month in the State of Hawaii; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education,
 7 the Department of Health, and the United States Department of
 8 Health and Human Services are encouraged to spread awareness of
 9 common bleeding disorders, like hemophilia and Von Willebrand
 10 disease, and explain that proper treatment and support leads to
 11 healthy and ordinary lifestyles; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
 15 Board of Education, the Superintendent of Education, the
 16 Director of Health, the United States Department of Health and
 17 Human Services, and the Governor of the State of Hawaii.
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