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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING MARCH AS BLEEDING DISORDERS AWARENESS MONTH.

1           WHEREAS, March 1986 was declared the first Hemophilia  
2 Awareness Month by President Ronald Reagan, and in 2016, March  
3 was 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,



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 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 United States Department of  
7 Health and Human Services, the Department of Education, and the  
8 Department of Health 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 United States  
15 Department of Health and Human Services, the Chairperson of the  
16 Board of Education, the Superintendent of Education, the  
17 Director of Health, and the Governor of the State of Hawaii.

