
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO DECLARE CYBER HARASSMENT AND
CYBERBULLYING AWARENESS DAY ON JUNE 21, 2024.

1 WHEREAS, a significant rise in cyber harassment and
2 cyberbullying has occurred in the last ten years as a result of
3 national and international internet usage increasing
4 exponentially; and

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6 WHEREAS, the Pew Research Center found that forty-one
7 percent of Americans have experienced some form of cyber
8 harassment, including physical threats, stalking, sustained
9 harassment, sexual harassment, offensive name-calling, and
10 purposeful embarrassment; and

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12 WHEREAS, online harassment related to political views has
13 increased over time, with twenty percent of Americans reporting
14 experiencing online harassment because of their political views
15 in 2020, compared to fourteen percent in 2017; and

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17 WHEREAS, women and minority groups are more likely to be
18 targets of cyber harassment as a result of their racial and
19 gender identity; and

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21 WHEREAS, seventy-nine percent of Americans believe that
22 social media companies are doing either a poor or fair job of
23 addressing cyber harassment complaints; and

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25 WHEREAS, The Cybersmile Foundation launched a Stop
26 Cyberbullying Day in 2012 that has continued to be recognized on
27 the third Friday of June each year; this year, that day lands on
28 June 21, 2024; and

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30 WHEREAS, the State has not adequately addressed the growing
31 issue of cyber harassment and cyberbullying; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
3 Session of 2024, that the Governor is requested to declare Cyber
4 Harassment and Cyberbullying Awareness Day on June 21, 2024; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
7 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and Lieutenant
8 Governor.

