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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF USING PRONOUNS AND GENDER-AFFIRMING LANGUAGE.

1 WHEREAS, the use of gender-affirming language, such as  
2 chosen names and pronouns, fosters an inclusive and equitable  
3 environment, and signals respect; and

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5 WHEREAS, gender-affirming language is associated with  
6 better mental health outcomes including reduced depression and  
7 suicide risk; and

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9 WHEREAS, gender-affirming language supports one of our most  
10 underrepresented communities; and

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12 WHEREAS, gender-inclusive language recognizes and values  
13 the diversity of our community, including diversity in gender  
14 identity and expression, encompassing trans, non-binary, and  
15 agender identities; and

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17 WHEREAS, there are psychological, social, and cultural  
18 implications associated with the usage of gender-affirming  
19 language, recognizing diverse pronouns and identities across  
20 different cultures; and

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22 WHEREAS, there are also legal and policy considerations  
23 regarding pronoun recognition in various contexts; and

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25 WHEREAS, pronouns and gender-affirming language convey  
26 vital aspects of identity and are fundamental to safety,  
27 respect, inclusion, diversity, and care for others; now,  
28 therefore,

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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
31 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
32 Session of 2024, that this body recognizes the importance of  
33 using pronouns and gender-affirming language; and

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
36 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, President of the



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1 Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Director of  
2 Human Services.

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