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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII STATE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TO PROVIDE EDUCATION AND AWARENESS ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TO FAITH-BASED COMMUNITIES AND URGE THEIR RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS TO SERVE AS SAFE HAVENS FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

1           WHEREAS, domestic violence consists of behaviors used by  
2 one person in a relationship to control the other; and

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4           WHEREAS, domestic violence can occur in many forms such as  
5 psychological, emotional, or sexual abuse and can happen once or  
6 periodically to victims of any age, gender, race, culture,  
7 education level, employment or marital status, or religion; and

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9           WHEREAS, victims of abuse, particularly women and families  
10 in need, benefit not only from information about preventing,  
11 stopping or recognizing the warning signs of domestic violence  
12 or abuse, but they also need support from family and friends and  
13 others from their religious community that they trust; and

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15           WHEREAS, Hawaii's faith-based communities can be a source  
16 of support for victims of domestic violence and their religious  
17 organizations can be considered safe environments, where  
18 domestic violence victims and their family members can receive  
19 assistance, counseling, and referral services; and

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21           WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic  
22 Violence is a private, not-for-profit statewide organization  
23 whose purpose is to end family violence in Hawaii by  
24 coordinating domestic violence prevention and intervention  
25 services, affecting public policy, and establishing coordinated  
26 and consistent procedures and actions by the civil and criminal  
27 justice systems in Hawaii; and  
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1 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic  
 2 Violence provides education and training on family violence to  
 3 service providers, collects resource materials and serves as a  
 4 clearinghouse, provides technical assistance on family violence  
 5 matters, and provides facilitation when requested by member  
 6 agencies; now, therefore,

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 8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 9 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
 10 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Hawaii State  
 11 Coalition Against Domestic Violence is requested to provide  
 12 education and awareness on domestic violence to faith-based  
 13 communities and to urge their religious organizations to serve  
 14 as safe havens for victims of domestic violence; and

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 16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
 17 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Hawaii State  
 18 Coalition Against Domestic Violence, who in turn is requested to  
 19 transmit copies to its member agencies.

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