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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE SECOND WEEK OF JUNE AS MEN'S HEALTH WEEK.

1           WHEREAS, despite rapid advances in medical technology and  
2 research, men still have a shorter average life span than women;  
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5           WHEREAS, diseases that solely afflict men such as  
6 testicular cancer and prostate cancer represent some of the  
7 biggest health risks for men; and  
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9           WHEREAS, men die of cancer at 1.5 times the rate for women;  
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12           WHEREAS, all ten of the leading causes of death impact men  
13 at a higher percentage than women; and  
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15           WHEREAS, one of the biggest obstacles to improving the  
16 health of men is a lack of awareness and apathy that many men  
17 have towards obtaining medical treatment; and  
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19           WHEREAS, educating the public and health care providers  
20 about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and early detection  
21 of male health problems may eventually lead to reduced mortality  
22 rates from diseases such as cancer and heart disease; and  
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24           WHEREAS, men who are educated about the value of preventive  
25 health will be more likely to participate in health screening  
26 programs; and  
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28           WHEREAS, the Men's Health Network worked with the United  
29 States Congress to develop National Men's Health Week as a  
30 special campaign to help educate men and their families about  
31 the importance of positive health attitudes and preventive  
32 health practices; and



1 WHEREAS, Hawaii Men's Health Week will focus on a broad  
2 range of men's health issues, including heart disease, diabetes,  
3 prostate, testicular, and colon cancer; and  
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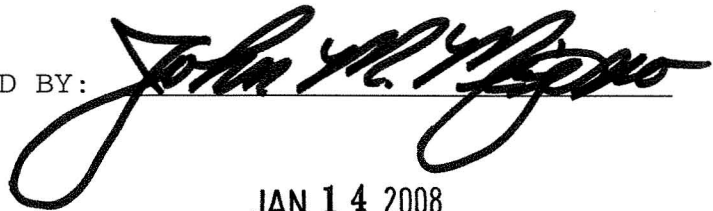
5 WHEREAS, citizens of this State are encouraged to increase  
6 their awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle,  
7 regular exercise, and medical check-ups; and  
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9 WHEREAS, the Governor issued a proclamation on March 2,  
10 2004, declaring June 14 through 20, 2004, to be Men's Health  
11 Week; now, therefore,  
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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
14 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
15 Session of 2008, that this body officially recognizes the second  
16 week of June as Men's Health Week; and  
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body supports and  
19 encourages all national, state, and local efforts to educate the  
20 public on men's health issues, and improve access to health care  
21 for men of all ages.  
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