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# HOUSE CONCURRENT 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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BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
Session of 2024, the Senate concurring, that the Governor is  
requested to declare Cyber Harassment and Cyberbullying  
Awareness Day on June 21, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and  
Lieutenant Governor.

