

Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks! is a nonpartisan 501c4 nonprofit committed to advocating for children and their families. Our core issues are safety, health, and education.

To: House Committee on Culture, Arts & International Affairs

Re: SCR 26, SD1 – Urging the empowerment of young women by annually recognizing October 11 as the International Day of the Girl Hawai'i State Capitol, via videoconference, room 329 April 7, 2021, 10:00 AM

Dear Chair Gates, Vice Chair LoPresti, and committee members,

On behalf of Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!, I am writing in support of SCR 26, SD1. This resolution urges the empowerment of young women by annually recognizing October 11 as the International Day of the Girl.

Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks! is committed to advocating for children and fighting to ensure all keiki in our state are healthy, safe, and ready to learn. We believe that annually recognizing October 11 as the International Day of the Girl in Hawai'i would be an effective way further the goals of the United Nations' designation of October 11 as International Day of the Girl Child.

These goals, as proclaimed by Governor Ige on October 11, 2020, include building awareness of the challenges faced by girls, helping to end gender discrimination, supporting more opportunities for girls, safeguarding their rights, and encouraging their full social, political, and economic participation.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide this testimony. Please pass this resolution.

Thank you,

Nicole Woo Director, Research and Economic Policy

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Dedicating a day to foster retail sales is not an act of empowerment to young women. Please come again with a substantial method of empowerment, such as recognizing the labor of stay at home moms, in the labor force.