HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE, 2008 STATE OF HAWAII

H.R. NO. 68

HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR TO DECLARE NOVEMBER 2008 AS DOMESTIC HARMONY AWARENESS MONTH.

WHEREAS, domestic harmony is a natural outflow of the value 1 native Hawaiians place on `ohana, which encompasses both day-to-2 day family living and the relationships within the community as 3 a whole; and 4 5 WHEREAS, domestic harmony is an expression of the aloha 6 that family members demonstrate for one another, whether 7 children, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, or 8 others considered extended family; and 9 10 WHEREAS, deeply rooted respect for oneself and others is 11 the foundation of domestic harmony, intertwined with an 12 understanding of the connection between one's attitudes and 13 actions; and 14 15 WHEREAS, the concept of domestic harmony encourages 16 individuals to provide a spiritual uplift for their families, 17 and provide hope for the community and the world-at-large by 18 allowing their aloha to serve as a model for others to emulate; 19 20 and 21 WHEREAS, individuals, educators, businesses, non-profit 22 organizations, and government agencies alike can all contribute 23 toward domestic harmony by reaching out and assisting our 24 families, and addressing the concerns and challenges faced by 25 families with compassion and empathy; and 26 27 WHEREAS, recent incidents of domestic violence and violence 28

29 against children have brought the concept of domestic harmony to 30 the forefront of public awareness; and

WHEREAS, the Mayors of the Counties of Kauai, Maui, Hawaii
and Honolulu have already declared the month of November 2007 as
Domestic Harmony month; now, therefore,



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BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Wenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, that the Governor is urged to declare November 2008, Domestic Harmony Awareness Month; and 5

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Human
Services coordinate with non-profit groups and county agencies
in the State to promote Domestic Harmony Awareness month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the mayor of each county, and the Director of Human Services.

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