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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER OF EVERY YEAR AS WORLD  
AIDS DAY IN THE STATE OF HAWAII.

1           WHEREAS, Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is  
2 caused by the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), which kills or  
3 damages immune system cells. Without the ability to protect  
4 itself, the body becomes vulnerable to infections and diseases;  
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7           WHEREAS, according to the Department of Health,  
8 approximately 42,000,000 people around the world are living with  
9 HIV/AIDS and 40,000 new infections occur each year in the United  
10 States; and  
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12           WHEREAS, UNAIDS, the Joint United Nations Programme on  
13 HIV/AIDS, estimates that approximately half of those who become  
14 infected with HIV are infected before the age of twenty-five and  
15 die before they reach age thirty-five; and  
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17           WHEREAS, currently in Hawaii, there are an estimated 2,600  
18 to 2,900 people with HIV/AIDS; and  
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20           WHEREAS, despite improvements in treatment, there is still  
21 no cure for HIV/AIDS; and  
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23           WHEREAS, first observed on December 1, 1988, World AIDS Day  
24 is a time to remember those who lost their lives to HIV/AIDS and  
25 to reflect upon the importance of providing compassion, support,  
26 and medical assistance to individuals afflicted with the  
27 disease; and  
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29           WHEREAS, World AIDS Day affirms the State's commitment to  
30 education, to improve treatment, to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS,  
31 and to reduce and eliminate discrimination, stigma, and  
32 prejudice against people who are fighting this disease; and  
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1           WHEREAS, World AIDS Day allows the State to honor both  
2 those afflicted with the disease as well as those individuals  
3 and organizations who work selflessly to promote disease  
4 prevention and improved treatment for HIV/AIDS; now, therefore,  
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6           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
7 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
8 of 2010, the Senate concurring, that the Governor is requested  
9 to proclaim the first day of December of every year, beginning  
10 on December 1, 2010, as World AIDS Day in the State of Hawaii;  
11 and  
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13           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the  
15 Directors of Health and Human Services, the Superintendent of  
16 Education, the Chair of the Board of Education, the Executive  
17 Director of the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission, the President of  
18 the Life Foundation Hawaii, the President of Pride at Work  
19 Hawaii, and the Co-chairs of Equality Hawaii.

