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HOUSE RESOLUTION

AFFIRMING THE STATE OF HAWAII'S SUPPORT OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD, RECOGNIZING ITS VITAL ROLE IN PROVIDING HEALTH CARE, AND DENOUNCING VIOLENCE TOWARDS ABORTION PROVIDERS AND THEIR PATIENTS.

WHEREAS, article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human 1 Rights states that everyone has the right to medical care; and 2 3 WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest and the 4 Hawaiian Islands, an affiliate of Planned Parenthood Federation 5 of America (Planned Parenthood), is a non-profit organization 6 providing medical care and education for women, men, and 7 families throughout the diverse communities of Hawaii; and 8 9 WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood offers cancer screenings, 10 pregnancy testing and counseling, testing and treatment for 11 sexually transmitted infections, comprehensive sexual health 12 education, preventive health care services, birth control for 13 men and women, emergency contraception, and abortion services; 14 15 and 16 WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood also offers guidance and 17 counseling on relationships, consent, body image, and other 18 general health issues; and 19 · 20 WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood provides resources on a variety 21 of issues that impact children, families, and young adults, 22 including sexual health education resources; and 23 24 WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest and the 25 Hawaiian Islands provides more than ten thousand services to 26 Hawaii residents each year, including teenagers and individuals 27 with limited income or in personal crisis; and 28 29



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WHEREAS, in 2016, Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest 1 and the Hawaiian Islands celebrates its fiftieth year of 2 providing high-quality, affordable health care in Hawaii; and 3 4 WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood has been under attack in recent 5 months due to a series of manipulated and misleading videos 6 released by an anti-reproductive health organization; and 7 8 WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood has been subjected to numerous 9 politically motivated and misguided investigations that have 10 failed to reveal any wrongdoing by Planned Parenthood; and 11 12 WHEREAS, these attacks have led to extreme and demonizing 13 rhetoric and a hostile climate that leads to violence, threats, 14 and harassment of health care providers and patients; and 15 16 WHEREAS, since 1977 nearly seven thousand violent acts 17 against abortion providers have been reported, including 18 bombings, arsons, death threats, kidnappings, and assaults, and 19 more than one hundred ninety thousand acts of disruption against 20 abortion providers have been performed, including bomb threats 21 and harassing calls; and 22 23 WHEREAS, since 1993, there have been eleven murders of 24 individuals associated with abortion care, most recently on 25 November 27, 2015, when a gunman attacked a Planned Parenthood 26 health center in Colorado Springs, Colorado in which three 27 people were killed and nine people were injured; and 28 29 WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood is a trusted health care 30 provider for one in five women in the United States and provides 31 crucial health care services to people across the country and in 32 33 Hawaii; now, therefore, 34 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 35 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular 36 Session of 2016, that the Legislature expresses its gratitude to 37 the Planned Parenthood Federation of America and Planned 38 Parenthood of the Great Northwest and the Hawaiian Islands for 39 providing health care to millions of people annually, including 40 teenagers, persons with limited income, and other vulnerable 41 populations; and 42



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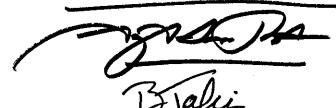
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature affirms that all persons have the right to access reproductive health care services without fear of violence, intimidation, or harassment; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature reaffirms its 8 support for Planned Parenthood health centers and staff in 9 carrying out their mission to safeguard and provide access to a 10 fundamental human right; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Director of Health, and the Mayors of the counties of Hawaii, Maui, Kauai, and the City and County of Honolulu.

OFFERED BY:

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