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S.R. NO. 72

SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER AS SEPSIS AWARENESS MONTH IN
HAWAII, AND THE THIRTEENTH DAY IN SEPTEMBER OF EVERY YEAR
AS HAWAII SEPSIS DAY.

1 WHEREAS, sepsis is a serious medical condition that is
2 caused by an overwhelming immune response to infection, whereby
3 immune chemicals released into the blood to combat infection
4 trigger widespread inflammation; and
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6 WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and
7 Prevention, sepsis affects more than one million Americans each
8 year, kills up to half of them, and is the ninth-leading cause
9 of disease-related death in the nation; and
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11 WHEREAS, despite the severe danger and widespread
12 occurrence of this illness, a survey conducted by the Sepsis
13 Alliance found that fewer than half of all Americans have heard
14 of the term sepsis; and
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16 WHEREAS, recognizing more attention could be drawn to
17 sepsis and sepsis awareness if there was a specific month
18 dedicated to the cause, the Sepsis Alliance established the
19 month of September as Sepsis Awareness Month in 2011; and
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21 WHEREAS, Sepsis Awareness Month is also observed and
22 supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and
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24 WHEREAS, in 2012, the Global Sepsis Alliance declared
25 September 13 to be World Sepsis Day, bringing together people in
26 the healthcare community and members of the public to recognize
27 that sepsis is a global problem; and
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29 WHEREAS, the current outbreak of dengue fever in Hawaii
30 County further necessitates heightened attention to sepsis, as
31 dengue shock syndrome is a type of sepsis; now, therefore,
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S.R. NO. 12

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016,
3 that the month of September of every year is hereby recognized
4 as Sepsis Awareness Month, and the thirteenth day in September
5 of every year is hereby recognized as Hawaii Sepsis Day; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
8 Resolution be transmitted to Hawaii's congressional delegation,
9 the Governor, and the Director of Health.
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OFFERED BY: _____

