
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING MARCH 2018 AS BLEEDING DISORDERS AWARENESS MONTH.

1 WHEREAS, March 1986 was declared the first Hemophilia
2 Awareness Month by President Ronald Reagan, and March 2016 was
3 designated the National Bleeding Disorders Month by the United
4 States Department of Health and Human Services; and

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6 WHEREAS, greater awareness and understanding of inheritable
7 bleeding disorders like hemophilia, which impacts thousands of
8 individuals in the United States, is needed; and

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10 WHEREAS, hemophilia, a medical condition that inhibits the
11 body's ability to clot blood and causes severe bleeding even
12 from the slightest injury, affects one in every 4,000 live male
13 births; and

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15 WHEREAS, because of these bleeding disorders, individuals
16 miss time at work and school, experience a decreased quality of
17 life, and often lose the ability to perform basic day-to-day
18 activities; and

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20 WHEREAS, with proper care and access to comprehensive
21 medical care, like regular visits to federally-recognized
22 Hemophilia Treatment Centers, individuals with bleeding
23 disorders can control bleeding episodes and live ordinary,
24 fulfilling lives; and

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26 WHEREAS, a Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month will promote
27 a greater sense of community and shared purpose among
28 individuals with bleeding disorders and raise awareness among
29 those without; now, therefore,

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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
32 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session



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1 of 2018, the Senate concurring, that March 2018 is designated as
2 Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month in the State of Hawaii; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education,
5 the Department of Health, and the federal Department of Health
6 and Human Services are encouraged to spread awareness of common
7 bleeding disorders like hemophilia and Von Willebrand disease,
8 and to explain that proper treatment can lead to healthy and
9 ordinary lifestyles; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
13 Board of Education, the Superintendent of Education, the
14 Director of Health, the Department of Health and Human Services,
15 and the Governor of the State of Hawaii.
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