

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING MARCH 2018 AS BLEEDING DISORDERS AWARENESS MONTH.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

of 2018, that March 2018 is designated as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month in the State of Hawaii; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education, the Department of Health, and the federal Department of Health and Human Services are encouraged to spread awareness of common bleeding disorders like hemophilia and Von Willebrand disease, and to explain that proper treatment can lead to healthy and ordinary lifestyles; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of Education, the Superintendent of Education, the Director of Health, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Governor of the State of Hawaii.

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