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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING MARCH 19 AS HAWAII CELEBRATING WOMEN IN PUBLIC  
OFFICE DAY.

1 WHEREAS, the month of March is Women's History Month and  
2 celebrates the significant contributions women of all races,  
3 ethnicities, and backgrounds have made to the world; and  
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5 WHEREAS, while the twentieth century was a pivotal time of  
6 growth for women entering politics, a 2017 study by the Center  
7 for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University shows that  
8 women hold less than twenty percent of seats in the 115th U.S.  
9 Congress, twenty-four percent of elective executive offices, and  
10 twenty-five percent of seats in state legislatures in the United  
11 States; and  
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13 WHEREAS, women remain underrepresented in male-dominated  
14 fields; thus, providing opportunities to support women in public  
15 office is imperative; and  
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17 WHEREAS, women play a critical role in the vitality and  
18 diversity of our communities and are essential to ensuring  
19 Hawaii is well represented; and  
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21 WHEREAS, Hawaii is ranked as one of the best states in  
22 terms of women's representation in elected offices at the state  
23 and national level; and  
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25 WHEREAS, the recent surge and success of women candidates  
26 running for public office in New Jersey and Virginia have  
27 created momentum for a movement of women running for office; and  
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29 WHEREAS, recognizing women in public office will bring  
30 awareness to the fundamental necessity of their work and will  
31 inspire other young people to serve their communities; now,  
32 therefore,  
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# S.C.R. NO. 24

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, the House of Representatives concurring, that this body recognizes March 19 as Hawaii Celebrating Women in Public Office Day and calls upon the people of Hawaii to support the success of women in public office and observe every March 19 with appropriate activities, events, and programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Hawaii's congressional delegation, and Chair of Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women.

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