
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE EMPOWERMENT OF YOUNG WOMEN BY RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 11,
2021, AS THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL.

1 WHEREAS, women's rights are human rights; and

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3 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that girl children
4 worldwide are often at greater risk of being exposed to and
5 encountering various forms of discrimination and violence; and

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7 WHEREAS, some of these forms of discrimination and violence
8 include cultural, social, sexual and economic exploitation,
9 abuse, rape, incest, honor-related crimes and harmful
10 traditional practices, such as female infanticide, child and
11 forced marriages, prenatal sex selection, and female genital
12 mutilation; and

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14 WHEREAS, this discrimination and violence often result in
15 less access for girls to quality education, nutrition, and
16 physical and mental health care; and

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18 WHEREAS, this severe disadvantage leads to girls enjoying
19 fewer of the rights, opportunities, and benefits of childhood
20 and adolescence than boys enjoy; thus limiting their potential
21 for full development and leaving them open to further
22 discrimination, violence, and neglect; and

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24 WHEREAS, the empowerment of girls is crucial in breaking
25 the cycle of discrimination and violence and in promoting and
26 protecting the full and effective enjoyment of their rights; and

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28 WHEREAS, the empowerment and advancement of girls enhance
29 their ability to realize their full potential in society and
30 shape their lives in accordance with their own aspirations; and



1 WHEREAS, empowering girls requires the active support and
2 engagement of their parents, legal guardians, families, boys,
3 and men, as well as the wider community; and
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5 WHEREAS, in 2011, the United Nations designated
6 October 11th as the International Day of the Girl Child, to be
7 observed every year; and
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9 WHEREAS, Governor Ige proclaimed October 11, 2020, as Day
10 of the Girl Child, asking the people of Hawaii to build
11 awareness of the challenges faced by girls in the United States
12 and around the world, end gender discrimination, support more
13 opportunities for girls, safeguard their rights, and encourage
14 their full social, political, and economic participation; now,
15 therefore,
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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
18 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
19 of 2021, the Senate concurring, that October 11, 2021, be
20 recognized in Hawaii as the International Day of the Girl; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
23 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor.

