
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE EMPOWERMENT OF YOUNG WOMEN BY ANNUALLY RECOGNIZING
OCTOBER 11 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 results 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,
29 guarantees women the possibility of realizing their full
30 potential in society and shaping their lives in accordance with
31 their own aspirations; and

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33 WHEREAS, empowering girls requires the active support and
34 engagement of their parents, legal guardians, families, boys,
35 and men, as well as the wider community; and



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1 WHEREAS, in 2011, the United Nations designated October
2 11th as the International Day of the Girl Child, to be observed
3 every year; and
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5 WHEREAS, Governor Ige proclaimed October 11, 2020, as Day
6 of the Girl Child, asking the people of Hawaii to build
7 awareness of the challenges faced by girls in the United States
8 and around the world, end gender discrimination, support more
9 opportunities for girls, safeguard their rights, and encourage
10 their full social, political, and economic participation; now,
11 therefore,
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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
14 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
15 of 2021, that October 11 be annually recognized in Hawaii as the
16 International Day of the Girl; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
19 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor.
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OFFERED BY:


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