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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING 2022 AS "MALAMA MAKUAHINE: YEAR OF THE MOTHER".

1 WHEREAS, aloha starts at home in Hawaii, and the
2 institution of the family provides tremendous value to both its
3 members and the world, deserving the highest priority as the
4 foundation of a peaceful society; and
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6 WHEREAS, in Hawaii, ohana is the family social unit created
7 by blood, marriage, or adoption (hanai), and can be both
8 nuclear, encompassing parents and children, and extended,
9 encompassing other relatives, with bonds that last for
10 generations, and must be protected; and
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12 WHEREAS, in Hawaii, mothers are the *makuahine*, the female
13 backbone of the family; therefore, we must *malama*, care for
14 their health and wellbeing; and
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16 WHEREAS, the status of a woman is directly related to the
17 status of her mother, and the connection to the ohana is the key
18 to a child's genealogy and identity; and
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20 WHEREAS, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity,
21 or marital status, mothers have always moved our society and the
22 world forward and remained steadfast in their pursuit of a
23 better and brighter future for the next generation; and
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25 WHEREAS, the work of mothers is of paramount importance but
26 is often undervalued, underappreciated, and unpaid; and
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28 WHEREAS, mothers have an indispensable role as essential
29 workers in the rebuilding and transforming of the modern world
30 and society; and
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32 WHEREAS, mothers have been the most adversely affected by
33 the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, shouldering



1 home, work, childcare, and teaching responsibilities while being
2 affected by health issues, a rise in domestic violence, and
3 massive unemployment; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
6 reports that over 140,000 children in the United States have
7 lost a parent or care giver due to COVID-19; and
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9 WHEREAS, multiple demands are causing working mothers to
10 abandon the workforce at four times the rate of men according to
11 a September 2020 U.S. Labor Department Report; and
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13 WHEREAS, mothers in Hawaii often face gender stereotypes
14 and bias in society and yet they still blaze new paths, open up
15 new possibilities, and widen the circles of opportunity for
16 their children despite their challenges; and
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18 WHEREAS, the importance of the role of motherhood and the
19 sanctity of the family must be supported with equality and
20 justice within all facets of government and society; and
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22 WHEREAS, as children of the Earth, we must protect it for
23 future generations, and as Pope Francis said in 2021, we are
24 called "to listen to the groans of Mother Earth"; now,
25 therefore,
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the
29 House of Representatives concurring, that this body recognizes
30 2022 as Malama Makuahine: Year of the Mother; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the people of Hawaii are urged
33 to express their love, respect, *malama* (care), and gratitude to
34 mothers everywhere with appropriate events, programs,
35 ceremonies, roundtables, and activities throughout the State of
36 Hawaii; and
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S.C.R. NO. 56

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Mayor of Hawaii
3 County, members of the Hawaii County Council, and Chairperson of
4 the Hawaii County Committee on the Status of Women.
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OFFERED BY: *John Acasio*

