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SENATE 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
34 home, work, childcare, and teaching responsibilities while being



1 affected by health issues, a rise in domestic violence, and
2 massive unemployment; and
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4 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
5 reports that over 140,000 children in the United States have
6 lost a parent or care giver due to COVID-19; and
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8 WHEREAS, multiple demands are causing working mothers to
9 abandon the workforce at four times the rate of men according to
10 a September 2020 U.S. Labor Department Report; and
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12 WHEREAS, mothers in Hawaii often face gender stereotypes
13 and bias in society and yet they still blaze new paths, open up
14 new possibilities, and widen the circles of opportunity for
15 their children despite their challenges; and
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17 WHEREAS, the importance of the role of motherhood and the
18 sanctity of the family must be supported with equality and
19 justice within all facets of government and society; and
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21 WHEREAS, as children of the Earth, we must protect it for
22 future generations, and as Pope Francis said in 2021, we are
23 called "to listen to the groans of Mother Earth"; now,
24 therefore,
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,
28 that this body recognizes 2022 as Malama Makuahine: Year of the
29 Mother; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the people of Hawaii are urged
32 to express their love, respect, *malama* (care), and gratitude to
33 mothers everywhere with appropriate events, programs,
34 ceremonies, roundtables, and activities throughout the State of
35 Hawaii; and
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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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