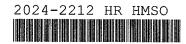
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HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO DECLARE A CYBER HARASSMENT AND CYBERBULLYING AWARENESS DAY.

WHEREAS, a significant rise in cyber harassment and 1 2 cyberbullying has occurred in the last ten years as a result of national and international internet usage increasing 3 4 exponentially; and 5 WHEREAS, the Pew Research Center found that forty-one 6 7 percent of Americans have experienced some form of cyber harassment, including physical threats, stalking, sustained 8 9 harassment, sexual harassment, offensive name-calling, and 10 purposeful embarrassment; and 11 12 WHEREAS, online harassment related to political views has 13 increased over time, with twenty percent of Americans reporting experiencing online harassment because of their political views 14 15 in 2020, compared to fourteen percent in 2017; and 16 17 WHEREAS, women and minority groups are more likely to be 18 targets of cyber harassment as a result of their racial and 19 gender identity; and 20 21 WHEREAS, seventy-nine percent of Americans believe that 22 social media companies are doing either a poor or fair job of 23 addressing cyber harassment complaints; and 24 25 WHEREAS, the State has not adequately addressed the growing 26 issue of cyber harassment and cyberbullying; now, therefore, 27 28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 29 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular 30 Session of 2024, that the Governor is requested to declare a 31 Cyber Harassment and Cyberbullying Awareness Day; and 32



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 1 2 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and Lieutenant 3 Governor. 4 5 OFFERED BY: All A Budti 6

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