
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF STATE-PROVINCE
RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA OF THE
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES.

1 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii is actively seeking to expand
2 its international ties and has an abiding interest in developing
3 goodwill, friendship, and economic relations between the people
4 of Hawaii and the people of Asian and Pacific countries; and
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6 WHEREAS, as part of its effort to achieve this goal, Hawaii
7 has established a number of sister-state agreements with
8 provinces in the Pacific region; and
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10 WHEREAS, because of the historical relationship between the
11 United States of America and the Republic of the Philippines,
12 there continue to exist valid reasons to promote international
13 friendship and understanding for the mutual benefit of both
14 countries to achieve lasting peace and prosperity as it serves
15 the common interests of both countries; and
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17 WHEREAS, there are historical precedents exemplifying the
18 common desire to maintain a close cultural, commercial, and
19 financial bridge between ethnic Filipinos living in Hawaii with
20 their relatives, friends, and business counterparts in the
21 Philippines, such as the previously established sister-city
22 relationship between the City and County of Honolulu and the
23 City of Cebu in the Province of Cebu; and
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25 WHEREAS, similar state-province relationships exist between
26 the State of Hawaii and the Provinces of Cebu, Ilocos Norte,
27 Ilocos Sur, and Pangasinan, whereby cooperation and
28 communication have served to establish exchanges in the areas of
29 business, trade, agriculture and industry, tourism, sports,
30 health care, social welfare, and other fields of human endeavor;
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2 WHEREAS, a similar sister-state relationship would
3 reinforce and cement this common bridge for understanding and
4 mutual assistance between ethnic Filipinos of both the State of
5 Hawaii and the Province of Isabela, known as the "Rice Granary
6 of the North"; and
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8 WHEREAS, Ilagan is the provincial capital and Santiago City
9 and Cauayan City, the trading center, have been declared an
10 independent-component city and a component city through
11 plebiscites in 1994 and 2001, respectively, and residents of
12 Hawaii can trace their roots or have immigrated from various
13 parts of the Province of Isabela; now, therefore,
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
16 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
17 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that Governor Linda Lingle of
18 the State of Hawaii, or her designee, be authorized and is
19 requested to take all necessary actions to establish a state-
20 province affiliation with the Province of Isabela in the
21 Republic of the Philippines; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor or her designee is
24 requested to keep the Legislature of the State of Hawaii fully
25 informed of the process in establishing the relationship and
26 involved in its formalization to the extent practicable; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province of Isabela be
29 afforded the privileges and honors that Hawaii extends to its
30 sister-states and provinces; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if by June 30, 2011, the sister
33 state affiliation with the Province of Isabela has not reached a
34 sustainable basis by providing mutual economic benefits through
35 local community support, the sister state affiliation shall be
36 withdrawn; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
39 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
40 United States, the Governor of the State of Hawaii, the
41 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United
42 States House of Representatives, Hawaii's Congressional
43 delegation, the President of the Republic of the Philippines
44 through its Honolulu Consulate General, and the Governor and



1 Provincial Board of the Province of Isabela, Republic of the
2 Philippines.

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