
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO DESIGNATE AND CELEBRATE 2008 AS THE
YEAR OF THE FAMILY AND TO ESTABLISH A FAMILY CELEBRATION
COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE CELEBRATION.

1 WHEREAS, the success of a society depends largely upon the
2 strength and vitality of its families; and

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4 WHEREAS, in all cultures and in all ages, a strong family
5 unit has been the foundation of great societies; and

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7 WHEREAS, family, or Ohana, is especially important in
8 Hawaii because of the richly diverse ethnic and cultural
9 backgrounds of its people; and

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11 WHEREAS, a celebration to honor the importance of the
12 family and to sustain and nurture family life is appropriate;
13 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 the Governor is requested
18 to designate and celebrate 2008 as the Year of the Family and to
19 establish a Family Celebration Commission to administer the
20 celebration; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is requested to
23 place the Commission within the Office of the Governor for
24 administrative purposes; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is requested to
27 appoint fifteen members to the Commission, four of whom should
28 represent each of the four counties and the remaining members
29 should represent government, labor, business, and the community
30 at large; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is requested to
2 select the Chairperson of the Commission from among the
3 appointed members; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission is requested to
6 prepare an overall program to celebrate the Year of the Family,
7 recognizing the importance of the family unit in the development
8 of the State, and encouraging and fostering strong family
9 relationships to assist families in dealing with the problems
10 that threaten family unity and stability, such as drug or
11 alcohol abuse or gang membership; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission is requested to
14 develop, plan, and coordinate the various program activities
15 that are to be scheduled throughout the year of the celebration;
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission is requested to
19 encourage the participation of all segments of the State's
20 population and consider any related plans and programs developed
21 by interested private and public organizations or agencies from
22 whose members the Commission may consider designating special
23 committees to plan, develop, and coordinate specific projects or
24 activities; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission is requested to
27 submit to the Governor a comprehensive report for the Year of
28 the Family to include, but is not limited to:
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- 30 (1) The production, publication, and distribution of
31 books, films, and other educational materials on the
32 importance of the family in Hawaii;
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34 (2) Conferences, convocations, lectures, and seminars; and
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36 (3) Ceremonies, theatrical productions, and other special
37 events commemorating the year of the family; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission is requested to
40 consult, cooperate with, and seek advice from appropriate
41 organizations or agencies; and
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43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission is requested to
44 seek grants from public and private sources and to accept



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1 donations to finance the project, programs, and activities of
2 the Year of the Family celebration; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission is requested to
5 cease operations on June 30, 2009 and to submit to the Governor
6 and the Legislature, a final report, not later than twenty days
7 prior to convening of the Regular Session of 2010, of all of its
8 activities, including an accounting of all moneys received and
9 disbursed; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on June 30, 2009, the
12 Commission is requested to deposit all properties acquired by
13 the Commission in the state library system, museums, and public
14 archives or otherwise dispose of the property at its discretion;
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
18 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor.
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