
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 THUA THIEN-HUE
OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.

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, the
7 State 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 Socialist Republic of Vietnam,
12 there are compelling reasons to promote international friendship
13 and understanding for the mutual benefit of both countries to
14 achieve lasting peace and prosperity, as it serves the common
15 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 Vietnamese living in Hawaii and
20 their relatives, friends, and business counterparts in the
21 Socialist Republic of Vietnam, such as the previously
22 established sister-city relationship between the City and County
23 of Honolulu and the city of Hue, which is the capital of the
24 Province of Thua Thien-Hue; and
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26 WHEREAS, a similar state-province relationship between the
27 State and the Province of Thua Thien-Hue, whereby exchanges and
28 cooperation could be established in the areas of business,
29 trade, agriculture, environmentally and culturally sensitive
30 tourism, sports, public health, education, economic development,
31 and humanitarian assistance, would reinforce and cement this



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1 common bridge of understanding and mutual assistance between the
2 ethnic Vietnamese of both the State and the Province of Thua
3 Thien-Hue; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Province of Thua Thien-Hue, like Hawaii, has
6 an agricultural economy that is based upon sugar cane, fruits,
7 and flowers, and aquaculture crops, such as shrimp; and
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9 WHEREAS, the city of Hue, capital of the Province of Thua
10 Thien-Hue has been designated as a World Heritage Site by the
11 United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural
12 Organization because its cultural and natural properties are
13 considered to be of outstanding universal value and must be
14 protected; and
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16 WHEREAS, the Province of Thua Thien-Hue's unique cultural
17 and historical significance and natural beauty are important
18 resources on which to base an environmentally and culturally
19 sensitive tourism industry; and
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21 WHEREAS, Hawaii's long experience and expertise in tourism,
22 agriculture, and aquaculture could be shared with the Province
23 of Thua Thien-Hue; now, therefore,
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
26 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
27 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Governor of the State
28 of Hawaii or the Governor's designee is requested to take all
29 necessary actions to establish a sister-state affiliation with
30 the Province of Thua Thien-Hue in the Socialist Republic of
31 Vietnam; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is requested to
34 keep the Legislature fully apprised of any progress made in
35 establishing the relationship in order that the Legislature may
36 be involved in its formalization to the extent practicable; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province of Thua Thien-Hue
39 be afforded the privileges and honors to which Hawaii extends to
40 its other sister-states and provinces; and
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42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
43 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
44 United States through the Secretary of State, the Governor of



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1 the State of Hawaii, the President of the United States Senate,
2 the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives,
3 Hawaii's congressional delegation, the President of the
4 Socialist Republic of Vietnam through its San Francisco
5 Consulate General, the Governor of the Province of Thua Thien-
6 Hue, Socialist Republic of Vietnam, and the Director of
7 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

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