
HOUSE 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, that the Governor is requested to designate and
18 celebrate 2008 as the Year of the Family and to establish a
19 Family Celebration Commission to administer the celebration; and

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

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

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is requested to
32 select the Chairperson of the Commission from among the
33 appointed members; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission is requested to
2 prepare an overall program to celebrate the Year of the Family,
3 recognizing the importance of the family unit in the development
4 of the State, and encouraging and fostering strong family
5 relationships to assist families in dealing with the problems
6 that threaten family unity and stability, such as drug or
7 alcohol abuse or gang membership; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission is requested to
10 develop, plan, and coordinate the various program activities
11 that are to be scheduled throughout the year of the celebration;
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission is requested to
15 encourage the participation of all segments of the State's
16 population and consider any related plans and programs developed
17 by interested private and public organizations or agencies from
18 whose members the Commission may consider designating special
19 committees to plan, develop, and coordinate specific projects or
20 activities; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission is requested to
23 submit to the Governor a comprehensive report for the Year of
24 the Family to include, but is not limited to:
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- 26 (1) The production, publication, and distribution of
27 books, films, and other educational materials on the
28 importance of the family in Hawaii;
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30 (2) Conferences, convocations, lectures, and seminars; and
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32 (3) Ceremonies, theatrical productions, and other special
33 events commemorating the year of the family; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission is requested to
36 consult, cooperate with, and seek advice from appropriate
37 organizations or agencies; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission is requested to
40 seek grants from public and private sources and to accept
41 donations to finance the project, programs, and activities of
42 the Year of the Family celebration; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission is requested to
 2 cease operations on June 30, 2009 and to submit to the Governor
 3 and the Legislature, a final report, not later than twenty days
 4 prior to convening of the Regular Session of 2010, of all of its
 5 activities, including an accounting of all moneys received and
 6 disbursed; and

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 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on June 30, 2009, the
 9 Commission is requested to deposit all properties acquired by
 10 the Commission in the state library system, museums, and public
 11 archives or otherwise dispose of the property at its discretion;
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 14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
 15 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor.
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