
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE ADOPTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS' CONVENTION ON THE
RIGHTS OF THE CHILD.

1 WHEREAS, children are our most precious resource and the
2 Legislature recognizes our responsibility to ensure them a safe,
3 productive future; and
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5 WHEREAS, every child holds the key to a sustainable future
6 for Hawaii and is worth the investment to provide services for
7 early childhood care, learning, and their general well-being;
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10 WHEREAS, the principles of the Charter of the United
11 Nations affirm that the recognition of the inherent dignity and
12 the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human
13 family are the foundation of freedom, justice, and peace in the
14 world; and
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16 WHEREAS, the United Nations, in its Universal Declaration
17 of Human Rights and International Covenants on Human Rights, has
18 affirmed that everyone is entitled to all the rights and
19 freedoms set forth therein, without distinction of any kind,
20 such as race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other
21 opinion, national or social origin, property, birth, or other
22 status; and
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24 WHEREAS, the United Nations, in its Universal Declaration
25 of Human Rights, proclaimed that each child is entitled to
26 special care and assistance; and
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28 WHEREAS, the family, as the fundamental unit of society and
29 the natural environment for the growth and well-being of all its
30 members and particularly children, should be afforded the
31 necessary protection and assistance so that it can fully assume
32 its responsibilities with the community; and



1 WHEREAS, each child, for the full and harmonious
2 development of the child's personality, should grow up in an
3 environment of belonging and community, with an atmosphere of
4 aloha where happiness, love, acceptance, respect, and
5 understanding abound; and
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7 WHEREAS, to be fully prepared to participate as a member of
8 society, each child needs to be raised in the spirit of the
9 ideals of the United Nations Charter, especially in the spirit
10 of peace, dignity, tolerance, freedom, equality, and solidarity;
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13 WHEREAS, on November 20, 1989, the United Nations General
14 Assembly adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child; and
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16 WHEREAS, 192 nations have entered as signatories to the
17 Convention on the Rights of the Child; and
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19 WHEREAS, the preamble to the State of Hawaii Constitution
20 proclaims that the State of Hawaii is dedicated to the
21 fulfillment of the state motto, "Ua mau ke ea o ka aina i ka
22 pono," meaning, "The life of the land is perpetuated in
23 righteousness"; and
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25 WHEREAS, children are the trustees of the legacy of human
26 culture and sustainability of Hawaii; and
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28 WHEREAS, to protect, nurture, and treasure our keiki is an
29 underlying principle for Hawaii as a Pacific island community;
30 now, therefore,
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32 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
33 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
34 of 2006, that this body urges the State of Hawaii to adopt the
35 United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child; and
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges the President
38 of the United States to request that Congress ratify the
39 Convention on the Rights of the Child; and
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
42 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,
43 members of Hawaii's congressional delegation, the Governor,
44 Attorney General, Director of Finance, Superintendent of



- 1 Education, Director of Health, Director of Human Services,
- 2 Director of Public Safety, and Chairperson of the Board of
- 3 Regents of the University of Hawaii.

