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SENATE CONCURRENT 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 House of Representatives recognizes our responsibility to insure
3 them a safe, 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 general well-being; and
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9 WHEREAS, the principles of the Charter of the United
10 Nations affirm that the recognition of the inherent dignity and
11 the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human
12 family is the foundation of freedom, justice, and peace in the
13 world; and
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15 WHEREAS, the United Nations, in the Universal Declaration
16 of Human Rights and the International Covenants on Human Rights,
17 has affirmed that everyone is entitled to all the rights and
18 freedoms set forth therein, without distinction of any kind,
19 such as race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other
20 opinion, national or social origin, property, birth, or other
21 status; and
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23 WHEREAS, the United Nations, in the Universal Declaration
24 of Human Rights, has proclaimed that each child is entitled to
25 special care and assistance; and
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27 WHEREAS, the family, as the fundamental unit of society and
28 the natural environment for the growth and well-being of all its
29 members and particularly children, should be afforded the
30 necessary protection and assistance so that it can fully assume
31 its responsibilities with the community; and
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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 of the Rights of the Child; and
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16 WHEREAS, one hundred ninety-two nations have entered as
17 signatories to the Convention of 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 Senate of the Twenty-third
33 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the
34 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature urges
35 the State of Hawaii to adopt the United Nations' Convention on
36 the Rights of the Child; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges the
39 President to request that Congress ratify the Convention on the
40 Rights of the Child; and
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42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
43 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the
44 Attorney General, the Director of Finance, the Superintendent of



1 Education, the Director of Health, the Director of Human
2 Services, the Director of Public Safety, the Chairperson of the
3 Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, and the members of
4 Hawaii's congressional delegation.

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