
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 21ST AS INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND
RECONCILIATION DAY IN THE STATE OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, during the last sixty years of humanity's
2 existence on Planet Earth, the technology and knowledge attained
3 by mankind has greatly surpassed all of the advancements and
4 discoveries made in the estimated six thousand years of
5 civilization prior to our modern era; and

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7 WHEREAS, the incredible advancements in science,
8 mathematics, and computer development made since the year 1947
9 have given rise to not only constructive technologies, but also
10 destructive weapons beyond the wildest imaginations of our
11 ancestors, unparalleled and unprecedented in their power,
12 including among others, combined effect cluster bomb munitions,
13 fuel air explosive bombs (FAEs), explosive magnetocumulative
14 generator warheads (EMGs), high energy excimer chemical lasers,
15 electromagnetic kinetic cannons, neutron enhanced thermonuclear
16 weapons, intercontinental ballistic missiles armed with multiple
17 independently targetable reentry vehicles (MIRVs), extremely low
18 altitude cruise missiles such as the 3M-80E Moskit (NATO
19 reporting name: SS-N-22 "Sunburn"), and near-invisible to radar,
20 very low observable (VLO) stealth aircraft; and

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22 WHEREAS, even a lone pilot flying a single modern-day
23 military aircraft such as the Sukhoi Su-37 Terminator has the
24 capacity to inflict more devastation than even a whole air force
25 of World War II aircraft; and

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27 WHEREAS, as evidenced by the severity of conflicts around
28 the world, these new destructive technologies have the power to
29 annihilate or render unproductive large regions in a very short
30 period of time; and
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1 WHEREAS, the technology of warfare presents an incredible
2 temptation to world leaders to act unilaterally and without
3 thoughtful consideration to either global political consequences
4 or moral implications; and

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6 WHEREAS, the technology of warfare likewise presents an
7 incredible temptation to insurgents, unlawful combatants, and
8 even disgruntled persons to resort to violence without
9 thoughtful consideration to either global political consequences
10 or moral implications; and

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12 WHEREAS, the esteemed scientist, Albert Einstein once
13 observed, "I know not with what weapons World War III will be
14 fought, but World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones";
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17 WHEREAS, the Legislature is deeply concerned about the
18 future of our Planet's ohana and keiki, all of whom are created
19 in God's image and brothers and sisters by nature of their
20 humanity; and

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22 WHEREAS, on November 21, 1973 as a response to the
23 aftermath of the 1973 Arab-Israeli War (also known as the Yom
24 Kippur War), a group of concerned persons named that day "World
25 Hello Day" in which persons send communications and greetings to
26 other persons as a means of expressing mutual peace; and

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28 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the value of
29 communication, interaction, peaceful exchanges, and activities
30 such as "World Hello Day" in promoting unity, friendship, and
31 aloha; and

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33 WHEREAS, there comes a time in the course of human events,
34 when a threat must be answered with courage and strength, and no
35 greater threat presents us today than the threat of self-
36 annihilation as a result of misunderstandings, poor
37 communication, lack of interaction, and overall indifference for
38 one another; and

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40 WHEREAS, our ancients and forefathers fought for the right
41 to be free, and now, as children of their works, we must guard
42 that dream; and
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1 WHEREAS, the geographic position of Hawaii presents an
2 incredible opportunity for international contact and meaningful
3 exchange with the world; now, therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
6 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
7 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that this body
8 recognizes and respectfully requests the Governor to declare
9 November 21st as International Peace and Reconciliation Day in
10 the State of Hawaii, a day dedicated to understanding
11 differences and resolving conflicts peacefully; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature humbly
14 encourages persons, organizations, and world governments to
15 observe International Peace and Reconciliation day by doing one
16 or more of the following:
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- 18 (1) Attending, participating in, or hosting events
19 structured at fostering awareness of cultural,
20 historical, or political differences between nations,
21 and celebrating those differences;
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- 23 (2) Celebrating humanity by greeting one another with kind
24 speech, exchanging unique gifts, and taking the time
25 to eat meals and "talk story" with one another for the
26 purpose of freely discussing without fear,
27 embarrassment or condemnation, one's concerns,
28 burdens, and emotional needs;
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- 30 (3) Assembling together to hold hands across the State and
31 around the world, as a symbolic representation of
32 human unity;
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- 34 (4) Dedicating songs, poems, prayers, and dances in honor
35 of peace and reconciliation;
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- 37 (5) Seeking reconciliation and peace by reaching out to
38 persons, nations, and governments and that are
39 offended or estranged;
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- 41 (5) Wearing or displaying a white ribbon to symbolize
42 peace and reconciliation; or
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1 (6) In instances of armed conflict, militaries and
2 governments are asked to observe a mutual ceasefire or
3 cessation of hostilities wherever possible or
4 applicable.
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that duly certified copies of this
7 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to:
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- 9 (1) The Governor of the State of Hawaii;
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11 (2) The Speaker of the US House of Representatives;
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13 (3) The President pro tempore of the US Senate;
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15 (4) The President of the United Nations General Assembly;
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17 (5) The Secretary-General of the United Nations;
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19 (6) The Chairperson of the African Union;
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21 (7) The Secretary-General of the League of Arab States;
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23 (8) The President of the European Commission;
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25 (9) The Secretary-General of the Organization of American
26 States;
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28 (10) The Office of International Education at the
29 University of Hawaii;
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31 (11) The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum;
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33 (12) The Board of Directors of the Bulletin of the Atomic
34 Scientists; and
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36 (13) The Hallmark Corporation.
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