
HOUSE 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-province agreements
8 with 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 this 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
32 common bridge of understanding and mutual assistance between the



1 ethnic Vietnamese of both the State and the Province of Thua
2 Thien-Hue; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Province of Thua Thien-Hue, like Hawaii, has
5 an agricultural economy that is based upon sugar cane, fruits,
6 and flowers, and aquaculture crops, such as shrimp; and

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8 WHEREAS, the city of Hue, capital of the Province of Thua
9 Thien-Hue has been designated as a World Heritage Site by the
10 United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural
11 Organization because its cultural and natural properties are
12 considered to be of outstanding universal value and must be
13 protected; and

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15 WHEREAS, the Province of Thua Thien-Hue's unique cultural
16 and historical significance and natural beauty are important
17 resources on which to base an environmentally and culturally
18 sensitive tourism industry; and

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20 WHEREAS, Hawaii's long experience and expertise in tourism,
21 agriculture, and aquaculture could be shared with the Province
22 of Thua Thien-Hue; now, therefore,

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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
25 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
26 Session of 2007, that the Governor of the State of Hawaii, or
27 the Governor's designee, is requested to take all necessary
28 actions to establish a sister-province affiliation with the
29 Province of Thua Thien-Hue in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam;
30 and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is requested to
33 keep the Legislature fully apprised of any progress made in
34 establishing the relationship in order that the Legislature may
35 be involved in its formalization to the extent practicable; and

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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province of Thua Thien-Hue
38 be afforded the privileges and honors to which Hawaii extends to
39 its other sister-states and provinces; 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 through the Secretary of State, the Governor of the State of
44 Hawaii, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker



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

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