
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING ADOPTION OF THE UNITED NATION'S MILLENNIUM GOALS.

1 WHEREAS, in 2000, world leaders in the United Nations
2 Millennium Declaration committed to achieve eight Millennium
3 Development Goals by 2015; and
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5 WHEREAS, both rich and poor countries committed to
6 eradicate extreme poverty and hunger, achieve universal primary
7 education, promote gender equality and empower women, reduce
8 child mortality, improve maternal health, combat HIV/AIDS,
9 malaria, and other diseases, ensure environmental
10 sustainability, and develop a global partnership for
11 development; and
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13 WHEREAS, the Millennium Development Goals reflect goals and
14 benchmarks consistent with Hawaii's commitment to
15 sustainability; and
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17 WHEREAS, the Millennium Goals represent an agreement
18 between rich and poor countries for each to take appropriate
19 steps towards their achievement; and
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21 WHEREAS, poor countries pledged to reform policies, to
22 improve governance, and to channel resources to development
23 objectives, as embodied in the goals; and
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25 WHEREAS, developed and more prosperous countries promised
26 to provide increasingly effective aid, faster debt relief, and
27 fairer trade rules; and
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29 WHEREAS, today, the world has sufficient money and
30 knowledge to achieve these goals but the governments of the
31 world lack the political commitment to make this happen; and
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33 WHEREAS, in their book, "What can one person do?", Sabina
34 Alkire and Edmund Newell suggest several actions individuals can
35 take that will have a real impact on extreme poverty; and
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1 WHEREAS, these actions include prayer, study and discussion
2 of issues of poverty, giving a suggested .7 per cent of
3 individual income towards the millennium development goals,
4 volunteering labor or services to assist those in poverty,
5 raising public awareness of the millennium development goals,
6 and urging government officials to address issues of global
7 poverty; now, therefore,
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
10 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
11 Session of 2007, that this body endorses and accepts the United
12 Nations Millennium Development Goals as components of a
13 framework for assessing Hawaii's efforts towards sustainability;
14 and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges the
17 county councils to endorse and utilize the United Nations
18 Millennium Development Goals as indicators for each county's
19 efforts towards sustainability; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
22 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Attorney General,
23 the Director of Finance, the Superintendent of Education, the
24 Director of Health, the Director of Human Services, the Director
25 of Public Safety, and the Chairperson of the Board of Regents of
26 the University of Hawaii, and the Mayor and the council
27 chairperson of the respective counties.
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