
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF STATE-PROVINCE RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP
BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND THE PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE
PHILIPPINES.

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 efforts to achieve this goal,
7 Hawaii has established a number of sister-state agreements with
8 provinces in the Pacific region; and
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10 WHEREAS, because of the historical relationship between the
11 United States and the Republic of the Philippines, there
12 continue to exist valid reasons to promote international
13 friendship and understanding for the mutual benefit of both
14 countries to achieve lasting peace and prosperity, as this
15 serves the common 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 Filipinos living in Hawaii with
20 their relatives, friends, and business counterparts in the
21 Philippines, such as the previously established agreements with
22 the Provinces of Ilocos Sur (1985), Cebu (1992), Pangasinan
23 (2003), Ilocos Norte (2005), and Isabela (2006); and
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25 WHEREAS, the state-province relationships existing between
26 the State of Hawaii and the five Philippine provinces have
27 strengthened the mutual ties with the Filipino community in
28 Hawaii whereby cooperation and communication have served to
29 establish exchanges in the areas of business, trade,
30 agriculture, industry, tourism, sports, health care, social
31 welfare, and other fields of human endeavor especially during
32 the Centennial celebration in 2006 to commemorate the first



1 immigrants from the Philippines who came to Hawaii to work as
2 Sakadas; and
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4 WHEREAS, a relationship similar to these sister-province
5 relationships would reinforce and cement this common bridge of
6 understanding and mutual assistance between the ethnic Filipinos
7 and Filipino at heart in both the State of Hawaii and the
8 Province of Cagayan; and
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10 WHEREAS, there are existing strong cultural ties between
11 the Cagayan Valley Association and the State of Hawaii because
12 several notable citizens in Hawaii can trace their roots or have
13 immigrated from the Province of Cagayan; now, therefore,
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
16 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
17 Session of 2007, that the Governor of the State of Hawaii, or
18 the Governor's designee, is requested to approve and authorize
19 all necessary actions to establish a state-province affiliation
20 with the Province of Cagayan by June 30, 2012; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor, or the Governor's
23 designee, is requested to keep the Legislature of the State of
24 Hawaii fully informed of the process in establishing the
25 relationship and, to the extent practicable, involved in its
26 formalization; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province of Cagayan, upon
29 the adoption of a reciprocating resolution by the Provincial
30 Board of the Province of Cagayan, be afforded the privileges and
31 honors that Hawaii extends to its sister states and provinces;
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
35 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,
36 Governor, President of the United States Senate, Speaker of the
37 United States House of Representatives, Hawaii's Congressional
38 Delegation, President of the Republic of the Philippines through
39 its Honolulu Consulate General, and the Governor and Provincial
40 Board of the Province of Cagayan, Republic of the Philippines.

