
HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING JULY AS RELIGIOUS FREEDOM MONTH IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, religious conflict is one of the most dangerous
2 social conditions in the world, and religiously motivated
3 violence is a threat to world peace and economic stability; and
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5 WHEREAS, during a time of increasing religious strife, it
6 is important to build public awareness and support for religious
7 freedom and to learn to live together despite religious
8 differences; and
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10 WHEREAS, religious freedom recognizes the right of each
11 person to determine their own religion, or lack thereof, the
12 right to associate and assemble together for public worship, and
13 the right to change one's belief; and
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15 WHEREAS, Hawaii is the melting pot for many different
16 cultures and religions and serves as an appropriate venue for
17 the Hawaii Festival of Religious Freedom (Festival); and
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19 WHEREAS, the Festival is a joint effort by the Hawaii
20 Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Liberty magazine, North
21 American Religious Liberty Association, and the International
22 Religious Liberty Association; and
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24 WHEREAS, some of the Festival's goals include:
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- 26 (1) Building public awareness and support for religious
27 liberty;
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29 (2) Bringing civic, political, and faith leaders together
30 to foster greater mutual understanding, respect, and
31 cooperation; and
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33 (3) Promoting the aloha spirit of religious freedom
34 internationally;
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1 WHEREAS, Hawaii's 2008 Festival, one of many being planned
2 around the world, will be held in July; now, therefore,
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
5 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
6 Session of 2008, that this body recognizes July as "Religious
7 Freedom Month in Hawaii"; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature encourages
10 religious freedom among all of Hawaii's people; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
13 Resolution be transmitted to the Senior Pastor of the Honolulu
14 Central Seventh-day Adventist Church.
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