
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE
OF HAWAII AND THE ISLANDS OF POLYNESIA.

1 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii is actively seeking to
2 expand its international ties and has an abiding interest in
3 developing goodwill, friendship, and economic relations between
4 the people of Hawaii and the people of the many nations and
5 territories comprising Polynesia; and
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7 WHEREAS, as part of its effort to achieve this goal, Hawaii
8 has established a number of sister-state agreements with
9 provinces in the Pacific region; and
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11 WHEREAS, historical precedent exists which exemplify a
12 common desire to maintain a close cultural, commercial, and
13 financial bridge between Polynesians living in Hawaii and their
14 relatives, friends, and business counterparts in the islands of
15 Polynesia, and the establishment of sister-state relations
16 between the State of Hawaii and Polynesia would help reinforce
17 and cement this common bridge; and
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19 WHEREAS, the geographic location of Hawaii presents an
20 outstanding opportunity to promote global connectivity among the
21 islands of Polynesia for the purposes of proliferating
22 meaningful and mutually rewarding international friendships,
23 understanding between cultures, economic and social vitality,
24 scientific and technological advancement, and enhanced regional
25 security; now, therefore,
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
28 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
29 Session of 2008, that the Governor is requested to take action
30 to establish a relationship between Hawaii and the islands of
31 Polynesia, including the following:



- 1 (1) Rarotonga District - Cook Islands;
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- 3 (2) Easter Island;
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- 5 (3) Province of Tahiti - French Polynesia;
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- 7 (4) Pohnpei Province - Micronesia;
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- 9 (5) Pitcairn Island District - Pitcairn Islands;
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- 11 (6) 'Uvea Province - Wallis and Futuna;
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- 13 (7) Western Province - Solomon Islands;
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- 15 (8) Westland Province - New Zealand;
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- 17 (9) Mandang Province - Papua New Guinea;
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- 19 (10) Upolu District - Western Samoa;
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- 21 (11) Tongatapu District - Tonga; and
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- 23 (12) Funafuti District - Tuvalu;

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is requested to
28 keep the Legislature fully informed of the process in
29 establishing the relationship and to be involved in its
30 formalization; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
33 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,
34 Governor of the State of Hawaii, Governor of American Samoa,
35 Prime Minister of the Solomon Islands, Prime Minister of the
36 Cook Islands, Provincial Governor of Easter Island, President of
37 Vanuatu, President of French Polynesia, President of the
38 Federated States of Micronesia, Prime Minister of New Zealand,
39 Governor General of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea,
40 Governor of the Pitcairn Islands, President of Fiji, Prime
41 Minister of Samoa, King of Tonga, Governor General of Tuvalu,
42 and President of the Territorial Assembly of Wallis and Futuna.

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