
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED STATES
CONGRESS TO ADOPT THE UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION ON THE
RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES.

1 WHEREAS, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of
2 Indigenous Peoples (Declaration) is a non-binding text that sets
3 out the individual and collective rights of indigenous peoples,
4 as well as their rights to culture, identity, language,
5 employment, health, education, and other rights; and
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7 WHEREAS, on September 13, 2007, the United Nations General
8 Assembly approved the Declaration with 11 members abstaining and
9 four members voting no; and
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11 WHEREAS, the United States was among those four members
12 voting against the Declaration; and
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14 WHEREAS, the 2005 Legislature recognized the significance
15 of indigenous peoples' rights by passing House Concurrent
16 Resolution 195, H.D. 1, adopting the Declaration; and
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18 WHEREAS, the Legislature acknowledges the continued need to
19 preserve and maintain the Hawaiian culture, to protect and
20 promote the human rights of the *kanaka maoli*, the indigenous
21 people of Hawaii, and to support the efforts of the *kanaka maoli*
22 to pursue environmentally sustainable economic, social, and
23 educational activities to ensure the survival of their culture;
24 now, therefore,
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
27 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
28 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the President of the United



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1 States and the United States Congress is urged to adopt the
2 Declaration; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
6 United States and members of Hawaii's congressional delegation.
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