
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE ADOPTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT
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 Development Goals represent an
18 agreement between rich and poor countries for each to take
19 appropriate steps toward 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



1 WHEREAS, in their book, "What can one person do?", Sabina
2 Alkire and Edmund Newell suggest several actions individuals can
3 take that will have a real impact on extreme poverty; and

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5 WHEREAS, these actions include:

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7 (1) Prayer, study and discussion of issues of poverty;
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9 (2) Giving a suggested .7 percent of individual income
10 toward the Millennium Development Goals;
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12 (3) Volunteering labor or services to assist those in
13 poverty;
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15 (4) Raising public awareness of the Millennium Development
16 Goals; and
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18 (5) Urging government officials to address issues of
19 global poverty;
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21 now, therefore,

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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
25 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature endorses
26 and accepts the United Nations Millennium Development Goals as
27 components of a framework for assessing Hawaii's efforts toward
28 sustainability; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges the
31 county councils to endorse and use the United Nations Millennium
32 Development Goals as indicators for each county's efforts toward
33 sustainability; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
36 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Attorney
37 General, Director of Finance, Superintendent of Education,
38 Director of Health, Director of Human Services, Director of
39 Public Safety, and Chairperson of the Board of Regents of the
40 University of Hawaii, and the Mayor and the council chairperson
41 of the respective counties.



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