
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING JANUARY 20TH OF EVERY YEAR AS BARACK OBAMA II OHANA
DAY.

1 WHEREAS, Barack Hussein Obama II was sworn in as the 44th
2 President of the United States on January 20, 2009; and
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4 WHEREAS, President Obama was born and raised in the state
5 of Hawaii; and
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7 WHEREAS, Barack Obama is the first President of the United
8 States hailing from the state of Hawaii, as well as the first
9 African-American to hold this high office; and
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11 WHEREAS, the ascension of Barack Obama to the office of
12 President affirms the noble American ideal of equal and
13 boundless opportunity for all citizens; and
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15 WHEREAS, President Obama's election has restored the
16 people's faith in a government that works for the benefit of
17 all; and
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19 WHEREAS, it is a matter of great state pride that President
20 Obama was nurtured and educated during his formative years in
21 Hawaii; and
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23 WHEREAS, President Obama imbued his work in the urban
24 neighborhoods of Chicago with the aloha and kokua Hawaii
25 embodies, thereby bringing a touch of the Islands to the rest of
26 the United States; and
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28 WHEREAS, this whisper of Hawaii contributes to President
29 Obama's ability to act as a bridge, unifying the great diversity
30 of cultures and peoples that make up our United States; and



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1 WHEREAS, President Obama's accomplishment continues to shed
2 a positive light on Hawaii within the national arena; and
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4 WHEREAS, the message of hope and possibility, grounded in
5 the values of our Islands, that President Obama consistently
6 emphasizes has inspired people around the world; now, therefore,
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
9 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
10 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Governor is
11 respectfully requested to proclaim January 20th of every year as
12 Barack Obama II Ohana Day in commemoration of the unprecedented
13 achievement of Hawaii-born Barack Hussein Obama II; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Barack Obama II Ohana Day shall
16 not be construed as a state holiday; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor.
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OFFERED BY: *Nella R. Belatti*
BY REQUEST

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