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## HOUSE 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, that the President of the United States and the United  
29 States Congress is urged to adopt the Declaration; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 2 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States  
 3 and members of Hawaii's congressional delegation.  
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