
HOUSE RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING EFFORTS BY THE HAWAIIAN COMMUNITY TO ORGANIZE AND
CONVENE A CONFERENCE TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS FOR A NATIVE
HAWAIIAN SELF GOVERNANCE AND RECONCILIATION PROCESS.

1 WHEREAS, presently, native Hawaiian people do not have a
2 governing entity or organization that represents all native
3 Hawaiians on issues important to the Hawaiian community; and
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5 WHEREAS, a Hawaiian constitutional convention is a process
6 that would ensure political, economic, social, and educational
7 advancement and protection of native Hawaiians; and
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9 WHEREAS, native Hawaiian people need time to engage freely,
10 without fear of threat or intimidation, in public debate to
11 discuss the various options of self-governance and
12 reconciliation available to them; and
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14 WHEREAS, Queen Lili`uokalani, Hawaii's last reigning
15 monarch, said:
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17 "The cause of Hawaii and independence is larger and
18 dearer than the life of any man connected with it.
19 Love of country is deep-seated in the breast of every
20 Hawaiian, whatever his station"; and
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22 WHEREAS, a conference to begin discussions for a Hawaiian
23 constitutional convention can lay the groundwork for planning,
24 designing, delegating, and commencing a democratic process of
25 deciding native Hawaiian self-governance and reconciliation;
26 now, therefore,
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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
29 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
30 of 2009, that this body supports the efforts of the Hawaiian
31 community to organize and convene a conference to begin
32 discussions relating to holding a Hawaiian constitutional
33 convention; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor, the Office of
2 Hawaiian Affairs, and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands are
3 urged to identify a means of providing some financial support to
4 the Hawaiian community that will ensure the opportunity for full
5 discussion and consideration of issues critical to the self-
6 governance of the native Hawaiian people, including but not
7 limited to:

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- 9 (1) A determination of Hawaiian citizenship;
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 - 11 (2) The selection of a governing entity or other political
12 governmental system;
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 - 14 (3) Procedures to resolve conflicts;
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 - 16 (4) Development of a legitimate and effective constitution
17 within the larger United States political framework;
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 - 20 (5) Hawaiian political cultures and traditions;

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaiian community is
25 requested to encourage the participation of all Hawaiian
26 organizations, political and social groups, and clubs to the
27 conference, so that the native Hawaiian population is well
28 represented, as well as to include other members of the State,
29 national, and international communities that the Hawaiian
30 community deems desirable or necessary; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
33 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chairperson of the
34 Board of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Chairperson of Hawaiian
35 Homes Commission; and the President of the Association of
36 Hawaiian Civic Clubs who, in turn, is requested to distribute it
37 to all Hawaiian civic clubs and other appropriate social and
38 political organizations.

