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# HOUSE 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:

- 6 (1) Prayer, study and discussion of issues of poverty;
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- 8 (2) Giving a suggested .7 percent of individual income
- 9 toward the Millennium Development Goals;
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- 11 (3) Volunteering labor or services to assist those in
- 12 poverty;
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- 14 (4) Raising public awareness of the Millennium Development
- 15 Goals; and
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- 17 (5) Urging government officials to address issues of
- 18 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, that this body endorses and accepts the United Nations  
26 Millennium Development Goals as components of a framework for  
27 assessing Hawaii's efforts toward sustainability; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges the county  
30 councils to endorse and use the United Nations Millennium  
31 Development Goals as indicators for each county's efforts toward  
32 sustainability; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
35 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Attorney General,  
36 Director of Finance, Superintendent of Education, Director of  
37 Health, Director of Human Services, Director of Public Safety,  
38 and Chairperson of the Board of Regents of the University of  
39 Hawaii, and the Mayor and the council chairperson of the  
40 respective counties.

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