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# SENATE CONCURRENT 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 Senate of the Twenty-fifth  
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the  
28 House of Representatives concurring, that the President of the



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1 United States and the United States Congress is urged to adopt  
2 the Declaration; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
6 United States and members of Hawaii's congressional delegation.  
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