
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR, AND URGING PARTICIPATION IN, THE 6TH
HEALING OUR SPIRIT WORLDWIDE GATHERING.

1 WHEREAS, Kanaka Maoli are the indigenous peoples of Hawaii;
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4 WHEREAS, indigenous peoples from all over the world are
5 invited once every four years to gather at a Healing Our Spirit
6 Worldwide gathering, an indigenous cultural celebration focusing
7 on common issues, wise practices, and successes in health,
8 healing, and addictions within indigenous communities; and
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10 WHEREAS, this movement was founded almost 20 years ago by
11 Ms. Maggie Hodgson, a Carrier First Nation member and
12 representative to a World Health Organization conference on
13 indigenous peoples' health, and since then, such gatherings have
14 been hosted by First Nations people of Canada, the Aborigine of
15 Australia, Maori of Aotearoa, and American Indians and Alaska
16 Natives of the United States; and
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18 WHEREAS, in 2006, Papa Ola Lokahi, the native Hawaiian
19 health board, was asked to facilitate participation of Kanaka
20 Maoli at the 5th Healing Our Spirit Worldwide Gathering in
21 Edmonton, Canada; and
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23 WHEREAS, more than 75 Kanaka Maoli participated at the 5th
24 gathering, which provided the impetus for Kanaka Maoli to
25 support and host the 6th gathering in Hawaii; and
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27 WHEREAS, the 6th Healing Our Spirit Worldwide Gathering is
28 scheduled for September 3-10, 2010, at the Hawaii Convention
29 Center and other venues throughout the state, and is being
30 facilitated by Papa Ola Lokahi; and



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WHEREAS, the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs has committed to supporting the 6th gathering through its participation and volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, other organizations that work for the benefit of native Hawaiians have also been urged to attend the 6th gathering; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the Senate concurring, that this body expresses its support for, and urges participation in, the 6th Healing Our Spirit Worldwide Gathering; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs and Papa Ola Lokahi.

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