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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR, AND URGING PARTICIPATION IN, THE 6<sup>TH</sup>  
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 5<sup>th</sup> Healing Our Spirit Worldwide Gathering in  
21 Edmonton, Canada; and  
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23           WHEREAS, more than 75 Kanaka Maoli participated at the 5<sup>th</sup>  
24 gathering, which provided the impetus for Kanaka Maoli to  
25 support and host the 6<sup>th</sup> gathering in Hawaii; and  
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27           WHEREAS, the 6<sup>th</sup> 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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32           WHEREAS, the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs has  
33 committed to supporting the 6<sup>th</sup> gathering through its  
34 participation and volunteerism; and



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1 WHEREAS, other organizations that work for the benefit of  
 2 native Hawaiians have also been urged to attend the 6<sup>th</sup>  
 3 gathering; now, therefore,  
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 6 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
 7 of 2010, that this body expresses its support for, and urges  
 8 participation in, the 6<sup>th</sup> Healing Our Spirit Worldwide Gathering;  
 9 and

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