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# SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATEWIDE SERVICE PROJECT TO  
PLANT ONE MILLION TREES AND CLEAN BEACHES ACROSS THE STATE  
BY OCTOBER 2010, AS PART OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH MONTH  
CELEBRATION.

1           WHEREAS, in October 2009, the Hawaii State Legislature's  
2 Keiki Caucus sponsored its 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Children and Youth Summit;  
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5           WHEREAS, two of its top priority issues identified by the  
6 children, youth, and adults who attended the summit are to plant  
7 more trees and clean our beaches; and  
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9           WHEREAS, trees are essential to a healthy environment for  
10 Hawaii, and increasing the number of trees planted in Hawaii  
11 would improve Hawaii's natural beauty and provide other needed  
12 benefits; and  
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14           WHEREAS, trees supply oxygen in the air we breathe and keep  
15 the air supply fresh by absorbing carbon dioxide; and  
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17           WHEREAS, trees provide shade and shelter, reducing annual  
18 heating and cooling costs in the United States by \$2.1 billion;  
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21           WHEREAS, tree roots stabilize the soil, prevent soil  
22 erosion, support the capture and conservation of our water  
23 supply, and help remediate pollutants; and  
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25           WHEREAS, trees cut down on noise pollution by acting as  
26 sound barriers; and  
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28           WHEREAS, trees lower air temperatures by evaporating water  
29 from their leaves; and  
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31           WHEREAS, in the 1980s, Hawaii successfully planted  
32 1,200,000 trees for the "A Million Trees of Aloha" initiative;  
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1 WHEREAS, across the nation, in Los Angeles, Salt Lake City,  
2 New York City, and other places, communities are working to  
3 plant a million trees in urban settings; and  
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5 WHEREAS, Hawaii's beaches are famous for their crested  
6 turquoise waves crashing onto pristine, golden shores; and  
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8 WHEREAS, however, Hawaii is situated in the center of the  
9 north Pacific sub-tropical gyre, which is several ocean currents  
10 that rotate around the islands; and  
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12 WHEREAS, this natural phenomenon results in Hawaii being a  
13 natural magnet for thousands of tons of non-biodegradable  
14 rubbish from all over the ocean; and  
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16 WHEREAS, synthetic rubbish from both sides of the Pacific,  
17 southeast Asia and South America, is washed up on Hawaii's  
18 beaches daily; and  
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20 WHEREAS, clearing marine debris from the ocean and beaches  
21 is important not just for restoring the natural beauty of  
22 beaches, but also for saving marine life; and  
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24 WHEREAS, birds and animals mistake rubbish such as plastic  
25 bags, cigarette lighters, and other brightly colored plastic as  
26 food and may suffer from internal injury, intestinal blockage,  
27 and even starvation; and  
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29 WHEREAS, dolphins, whales, sea turtles, sharks, and seals  
30 get caught in fishing nets, lines, and other debris such as six-  
31 pack holders; and  
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33 WHEREAS, marine debris comes from land-based sources and  
34 water-based sources, and can last for years in the ocean before  
35 disintegrating; and  
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37 WHEREAS, local efforts to clean up Hawaii's beaches include  
38 the Beach Environmental Awareness Campaign Hawaii, which  
39 distributes pocket ashtrays to avoid cigarette butts on beaches  
40 and teams with Aveda Lifestyle Salon & Spa at the Ala Moana  
41 Center to recycle bottle caps; and  
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43 WHEREAS, these efforts demonstrate the community's strong  
44 desire to clean up Hawaii's beaches, preserve their natural



1 beauty, and protect the ocean and land environment for future  
2 generations; and

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4 WHEREAS, statewide coordination of these efforts through a  
5 centralized website provided by Kanu Hawaii can provide the  
6 necessary support for community groups to clean every beach in  
7 Hawaii and control the litter and marine debris problem; now,  
8 therefore,

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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth  
11 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010,  
12 that the Hawaii State Legislature's Keiki Caucus, Children and  
13 Youth Month Planning Committee, and Kanu Hawaii, in partnership  
14 with other community organizations, are requested to establish  
15 and coordinate a statewide service project to plant one million  
16 trees and clean beaches across the State by October 2010, as  
17 part of the Children and Youth Month celebration; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the community groups are  
20 requested to partner with local growers to plant indigenous  
21 trees and fruit trees, when feasible, and log their efforts on  
22 the Kanu Hawaii website: [kanuhawaii.org/milliontreesofaloha](http://kanuhawaii.org/milliontreesofaloha);  
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Keiki Caucus, with the  
26 assistance of Kanu Hawaii, is requested to establish Malama o ke  
27 Kahakai, a public service project for volunteers to care for  
28 Hawaii's beaches by picking up litter and debris, and encourage  
29 community groups, churches, businesses, and individuals to pick  
30 up litter and debris and beautify beaches across the islands,  
31 and log their efforts on the Kanu Hawaii website:  
32 [kanuhawaii.org/caringforourbeaches](http://kanuhawaii.org/caringforourbeaches); and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be  
35 transmitted via e-mail or mail to the Governor, Superintendent  
36 of Education, Chairperson of Department of Land and Natural  
37 Resources, Director of Transportation, Chairperson of the  
38 Hawaiian Homes Commission, Chief Executive Officer of the Office  
39 of Hawaiian Affairs, Dean of the University of Hawai'i at Manoa  
40 College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, members of  
41 the Hawaii State Legislature, county Mayors, members of the  
42 county councils, Chairperson of the Children and Youth Month  
43 Planning Committee, Executive Director of Kanu Hawaii, Chief



1 Executive Officer of Bishop Museum, Executive Director of the  
2 Hawaii Association of Independent Schools, President of  
3 Kamehameha Schools, Chief Executive Officer of the Pacific  
4 American Foundation, Hawaii State Student Council, attendees of  
5 the 2009 Children and Youth Summit, 2009 and 2010 participants  
6 of Children and Youth Day and Month; and all forms of radio,  
7 televisions, and newspaper media that serve the State of Hawaii.

