
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR HAWAII TO PURSUE THE BID TO HOST THE 2016
INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR CONSERVATION OF NATURE WORLD
CONSERVATION CONGRESS.

1 WHEREAS, the International Union for Conservation of Nature
2 (IUCN) was founded in 1948 and is the world's oldest and largest
3 global environmental network; and
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5 WHEREAS, the IUCN is a democratic membership union with
6 more than 1,000 government and non-governmental organizations
7 (NGOs) and almost 11,000 volunteer scientists in more than 160
8 countries; and
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10 WHEREAS, the IUCN's work is supported by over 1,000
11 professional staff in 60 offices and hundreds of partners in
12 public, NGO, and private sectors around the world; and
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14 WHEREAS, there are 87 state members (i.e. nations)
15 officially represented, and 25 government agencies without state
16 membership; and
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18 WHEREAS, the official United States (U.S.) state
19 representative is the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of
20 Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs;
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23 WHEREAS, funding for the IUCN comes from governments,
24 bilateral and multilateral agencies, foundations, member
25 organizations, and corporations; and
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27 WHEREAS, the IUCN holds official observer status at the
28 United Nations General Assembly; and



1 WHEREAS, the IUCN World Conservation Congress (WCC)
2 convenes every four years and is hosted by a member state, but
3 has never met in the U.S.; and
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5 WHEREAS, the WCC is a two-part international event:
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7 (1) The World Conservation Forum, a 5-day event open to
8 all registrants to discuss major sustainable
9 development issues, propose solutions, and facilitate
10 the sharing of information and experiences; and
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12 (2) The Members' Assembly, a 5-day deliberative session on
13 policy open to official delegates of member
14 organizations;
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18 WHEREAS, the entire WCC lasts almost two weeks and attracts
19 approximately 8,000 delegates from around the world; and
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21 WHEREAS, attendees and active participants include, among
22 others, world leaders in policy and conservation, scientists,
23 leaders in communications and alternative energy, indigenous
24 groups, prominent world citizens, and Nobel laureates; and
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26 WHEREAS, the theme for the 2016 WCC will be "Oceania"; and
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28 WHEREAS, the IUCN WCC is an opportunity for
29 transformational change globally, within the nation, and for the
30 State of Hawaii; and
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32 WHEREAS, with increased attention from world governments,
33 NGOs, researchers, and the public to marine and island systems,
34 Hawaii offers an outstanding site for the next WCC; and
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36 WHEREAS, Hawaii is ideally poised to host the WCC, as its
37 geographic location serves as a bridge from the West to Oceania
38 and Asia; and
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40 WHEREAS, the WCC would offer Hawaii an opportunity to
41 display its natural and cultural diversity to the world; and



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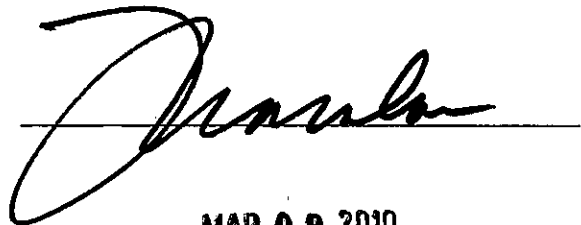
1 WHEREAS, Honolulu is a world-renowned visitor destination
2 and has the capability and facilities required to stage the IUCN
3 WCC; and
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5 WHEREAS, tourism is Hawaii's largest employer, revenue
6 producer, and growth sector, and hosting international
7 conferences is critical to the economic well-being of the State;
8 now, therefore,
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
11 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
12 of 2010, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature expresses
13 its support for Hawaii to pursue the bid to host the 2016 IUCN
14 WCC; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
17 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Assistant Secretary
18 for the Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and
19 Scientific Affairs; each member of Hawaii's Congressional
20 delegation; Governor; Director of Business, Economic
21 Development, and Tourism; President and Chief Executive Officer
22 of the Hawaii Tourism Authority; and Mayor of the City and
23 County of Honolulu.
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