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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF THE CENSUS AND URGING ALL  
HAWAII RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN 2010.

1 WHEREAS, the United States Constitution requires a national  
2 census, which is a count of everyone residing in the nation,  
3 once every ten years; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the first census in the United States took place  
6 in 1790 to determine the number of seats each state would have  
7 in the U.S. House of Representatives; and  
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9 WHEREAS, the census was also created to gain a better  
10 understanding of where people lived and to establish patterns of  
11 settlement as the nation grew; and  
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13 WHEREAS, census data are used for a number of public  
14 purposes including forecasting future transportation needs,  
15 providing evidence in litigation involving land use, voting  
16 rights, and equal opportunity, determining areas eligible for  
17 housing assistance and rehabilitation loans, directing funds for  
18 services for people in poverty, and planning for hospitals,  
19 nursing homes, clinics, and the location of other health  
20 services; and  
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22 WHEREAS, the allocation of federal and state funding for  
23 critical social services and other public purposes depends on  
24 complete and accurate age, population, and demographic  
25 information; and  
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27 WHEREAS, every year, the federal government can allocate  
28 more than \$300 billion to states and communities based, in part,  
29 on census data; and  
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1 WHEREAS, census data also determines how many seats each  
2 state will have in the United States House of Representatives,  
3 making a complete and accurate count vital to fair  
4 representation; and

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6 WHEREAS, the 2010 census will be taken on April 1, 2010,  
7 with a ten-question questionnaire delivered or mailed to  
8 households in March 2010; and

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10 WHEREAS, federal law requires each resident over 18 years  
11 of age to fill out the census questionnaire truthfully or be  
12 subject to a \$100 fine; and

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14 WHEREAS, every Census Bureau worker takes a lifetime oath  
15 to protect confidentiality to ensure that data identifying  
16 respondents and their households are not released or shared for  
17 a period of 72 years; and

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19 WHEREAS, this oath means that identity information will not  
20 be shared with anyone, including other federal agencies and law  
21 enforcement; now, therefore,

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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
24 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
25 of 2010, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature supports  
26 the efforts of the United States Bureau of the Census to achieve  
27 a complete and accurate census; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all of Hawaii's residents are  
30 encouraged to "Be Counted in 2010" by filling out their ten-  
31 question questionnaire when it arrives; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that local governments, community-  
34 based organizations, faith-based organizations, schools, media,  
35 businesses, and others are urged to help raise awareness of the  
36 vital role of an accurate census, and to encourage full  
37 participation; and

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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
40 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Hawaii's  
41 Congressional delegation, Superintendent of Education, Director  
42 of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, Mayor of each  
43 County, President of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, Editor



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1 in Chiefs of the Star Bulletin and Honolulu Advertiser, and the  
2 Partnership Specialist at the Honolulu Local Census Office.

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