
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING THE WEEK THAT INCLUDES AUGUST 24TH AS SURF WEEK IN
HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, section 5-13.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, provides
2 that surfing is adopted, established, and designated as the
3 official individual sport of the State; and
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5 WHEREAS, he'e nalu, or surfing, was a sport originally
6 enjoyed by Hawaiian alii, and ultimately by commoners as well;
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9 WHEREAS, many Hawaiians believe that surfing has its roots
10 in the Kumulipo, the epic Hawaiian creation chant; and
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12 WHEREAS, in writing about the Kumulipo chant, Palani
13 Kanak'ole Kahahahele stated that:
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15 The Kumulipo articulates and reveals the
16 connections of the sky and earth, the ocean and land
17 and man, the man and gods and returns again to repeat
18 the cycle with the sky and earth, who are the gods.
19 The Kumulipo recognized that the interrelationships of
20 all things in an everlasting continuum, it is
21 Ponahakeola, the chaotic whirlwind of life.
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23 The Kumulipo is the reality of our dim past, the
24 foundation for our present and the pathway into the
25 future. It is a cognizant reminder of our ancestors,
26 their intelligence, failure, conquest, and defeat.
27 This song is a gift which encourages the Warrior
28 within us to awake to the contests and challenges
29 which consistently confront us by using intelligence
30 and ancestral experiences. It is our genealogy
31 connecting mankind to earth and sky. You are the



1 Kumulipo, know that esoteric soul inside of you and
2 celebrate your ponahakeola; and
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4 WHEREAS, the essence of surfing is further tied to the
5 Kumulipo chant by the words of Kimo Campbell, in his preface to
6 The Kumulipo: A Hawaiian Creation Myth:
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8 Here we are speaking not only affection for past times
9 and people but of respect and understanding for them.
10 As we try to understand the things we have valued and
11 still value in Hawaii, we create a moral vision of
12 what we would like a future Hawaii to be; and
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14 WHEREAS, the international popularity of surfing makes it
15 one of the world's most dominant ocean sports, with
16 approximately twenty-three million surfers worldwide; and
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18 WHEREAS, the designation of a Surf Week would honor and
19 celebrate the surfing tradition of Hawaii's watermen and water
20 women; now, therefore,
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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
23 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
24 of 2010, the Senate concurring, that there shall be a designated
25 Surf Week in Hawaii, during the week that includes August 24,
26 the birth date of one of Hawaii's most famous and skillful
27 watermen, Duke Kahanamoku; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
30 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Hawaii
31 Surfing Association, and the Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku
32 Foundation.
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