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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, indigenous peoples from around the world will be  
33 attending the 6<sup>th</sup> Healing Our Spirit Worldwide Gathering; and

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1           WHEREAS, the Hawaiian culture is rich in healing methods,  
2 such as Hawaiian medicinal plants, lomi lomi, ho'oponopono, and  
3 the natural healing powers of the sun and sea; and  
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5           WHEREAS, the 6<sup>th</sup> Healing Our Spirit Worldwide Gathering  
6 provides an opportunity for Hawaii to share its rich Hawaiian  
7 and diverse culture; now, therefore,  
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9           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
10 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
11 of 2010, that this body expresses its support for, and urges  
12 participation in, the 6<sup>th</sup> Healing Our Spirit Worldwide Gathering;  
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15           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
16 Resolution be transmitted to the Association of Hawaiian Civic  
17 Clubs and Papa Ola Lokahi.

