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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATEWIDE PROGRAM TO PLANT ONE MILLION TREES BY OCTOBER 2010, AS PART OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH MONTH CELEBRATION.

1       WHEREAS, trees are essential to a healthy environment for  
2 Hawaii, and increasing the number of trees planted in Hawaii  
3 would improve Hawaii's natural beauty and provide other needed  
4 benefits; and

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6       WHEREAS, trees supply oxygen in the air we breathe and keep  
7 the air supply fresh by absorbing carbon dioxide; and

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9       WHEREAS, trees provide shade and shelter, reducing annual  
10 heating and cooling costs in the United States by \$2.1 billion;  
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13       WHEREAS, tree roots stabilize the soil, prevent soil  
14 erosion, support the capture and conservation of our water  
15 supply, and help remediate pollutants; and

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17       WHEREAS, trees cut down on noise pollution by acting as  
18 sound barriers; and

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20       WHEREAS, trees lower air temperatures by evaporating water  
21 from their leaves; and

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23       WHEREAS, in the 1980s, Hawaii successfully planted  
24 1,200,000 trees for the "A Million Trees of Aloha" initiative;  
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27       WHEREAS, across the nation, in Los Angeles, Salt Lake City,  
28 New York City, and other places, communities are working to  
29 plant a million trees in urban settings; now, therefore,

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31       BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth  
32 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010,  
33 that the Children and Youth Month Planning Committee and the  
34 Nature Conservancy, in partnership with other community  
35 organizations, are requested to establish and coordinate a



1 statewide program to plant one million trees by October 2010, as  
2 part of the Children and Youth Month celebration; and  
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the community groups are  
5 requested to partner with local growers to plant indigenous  
6 trees and fruit trees, when feasible; and  
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Children and Youth Month  
9 Planning Committee is requested to provide a report on the  
10 success of the tree planting campaign to the Legislature no  
11 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2011  
12 Regular Session; and  
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
15 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Department  
16 of Land and Natural Resources, the county Mayors, the Dean of  
17 the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical  
18 Agriculture and Human Resources, the Chairperson of the Children  
19 and Youth Month Planning Committee, the Chairperson of the Board  
20 of Trustees of the Nature Conservancy of Hawaii, the Chief  
21 Executive Officer of the Outdoor Circle, the Chairperson of the  
22 Friends of Hawaii's Urban Forest, the Chairperson of the  
23 Tropical Reforestation & Ecosystems Education (TREE) Center  
24 Hawaii, and the President of Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.  
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