
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO ESTABLISH A SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN HAWAII AND THE PROVINCE OF MARRAKESH OF THE KINGDOM
OF MOROCCO.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii maintains a heritage of international
2 participation and cultural sensitivity unparalleled in other
3 states due to its multicultural population since the reign of
4 the Hawaiian monarchy in the early 19th century; and
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6 WHEREAS, since 1981, the Legislature has instituted sister-
7 state relationships as a means of asserting its active
8 participation in international matters; and
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10 WHEREAS, as of December 2008, Hawaii maintained 15 sister-
11 state relationships, mostly between Asia and the Pacific; and
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13 WHEREAS, it is advantageous to continue to pursue sister-
14 state relationships for cultural and economic development
15 reasons, with attention focused on fostering the most productive
16 ties; and
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18 WHEREAS, a relationship between Hawaii and the Kingdom of
19 Morocco began with the Millennium Young People's Congress in
20 1999; and
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22 WHEREAS, in 2006, a sister-county relationship was
23 established between Rabat, Morocco, and the City and County of
24 Honolulu; and
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26 WHEREAS, numerous other events and activities have occurred
27 to strengthen ties between Hawaii and the Kingdom of Morocco,
28 including an "Aloha Morocco Week" event held in 2007; and
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1 WHEREAS, a relationship between Hawaii and Morocco would be
2 mutually beneficial and sustainable, advancing mutual goals for
3 international peace and brotherhood; now, therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
6 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
7 of 2011, that the Governor is requested to establish a sister-
8 state relationship between Hawaii and the province of Marrakesh
9 of the Kingdom of Morocco; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Resolution be transmitted to the United States Secretary of
13 State, Governor of the province of Marrakesh, Governor of the
14 State of Hawaii, and Honorary Counsel for the Kingdom of Morocco
15 in Hawaii.
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