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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE OF HAWAII TO ADOPT THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR  
ORGANIZATION "CONVENTION CONCERNING INDIGENOUS AND TRIBAL  
PEOPLES IN INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES."

1           WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii has recognized the  
2 significance of indigenous peoples rights with the adoption of  
3 the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous  
4 Peoples in 2005, an entire two years ahead of its adoption at  
5 the United Nations General Assembly on September 13, 2007; and  
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7           WHEREAS, indigenous peoples throughout time have suffered  
8 from marginalization, discrimination, and being stigmatized,  
9 mainly by their colonizing powers; and  
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11           WHEREAS, since the 1950s, the world has developed a greater  
12 understanding of the plight of indigenous peoples, and  
13 specialized international bodies have been created to  
14 effectively tackle the problems faced by indigenous peoples; and  
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16           WHEREAS, one example is the 1989 convention adopted by the  
17 International Labour Organization, "Convention concerning  
18 Indigenous and Tribal Peoples in Independent Countries," which  
19 to date, has been ratified by only twenty-two member states of  
20 the International Labour Organization, even though the  
21 Convention outlines a large number of rights which are perceived  
22 as normal to non-indigenous citizens; and  
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24           WHEREAS, the people of Hawaii have come together to protect  
25 and promote the human rights of the indigenous peoples of  
26 Hawaii, the kanaka maoli; and  
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28           WHEREAS, over the years, the Legislature has been committed  
29 to perpetuating the culture, language, practices, and beliefs of  
30 the kanaka maoli; and  
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1 WHEREAS, the tools to defend such rights should be  
2 reflected upon as positive benchmarks for Hawaii as we move  
3 forward; 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, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature urges the  
8 State of Hawaii to adopt the International Labour Organization  
9 Convention concerning Indigenous and Tribal Peoples in  
10 Independent Countries; and  
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Hawaii and the  
13 international community at large are urged to consult the  
14 indigenous and tribal peoples concerned when considering  
15 legislative or administrative measures that may directly affect  
16 them, as set forth in Article 6 of the Convention concerning  
17 Indigenous and Tribal Peoples in Independent Countries; and  
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Hawaii and the  
20 international community at large are urged to grant indigenous  
21 and tribal peoples in independent countries ownership and  
22 possession over lands and natural resources that they  
23 traditionally occupy, as set forth in Article 14 of the  
24 Convention concerning Indigenous and Tribal Peoples in  
25 Independent Countries; and  
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges the  
28 President of the United States to sign and request the timely  
29 ratification of the Convention concerning Indigenous and Tribal  
30 Peoples in Independent Countries; and  
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
33 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
34 United States, the United Nations Secretary-General, the United  
35 Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Director-General  
36 of the International Labour Organization in Geneva, the members  
37 of Hawaii's congressional delegation, the United States  
38 Secretary of State, and the United States Secretary of Labor.  
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