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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND EACH COUNTY TO ASSIST IN  
THE RELIEF AND RECOVERY EFFORTS OF THOSE IN HAWAII AFFECTED  
BY THE MARCH 11, 2011, TSUNAMI.

1           WHEREAS, on Thursday, March 10, 2011, a massive earthquake  
2 measuring 8.9 on the Richter Scale with an epicenter near the  
3 east coast of Honshu Japan generated a tsunami that wreaked  
4 havoc throughout that region; and  
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6           WHEREAS, the tsunami generated by that earthquake reached  
7 Hawaii's shores in the early hours of the morning on Friday,  
8 March 11, 2011; and  
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10           WHEREAS, although Hawaii did not sustain the level of  
11 damage as that in Japan, damages to Hawaii's coastal areas are  
12 estimated to be in the tens of millions of dollars; and  
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14           WHEREAS, the 300-slip Keehi Lagoon, Hawaii's second largest  
15 small boat harbor, appears to have suffered the worst damage in  
16 terms of cost at an estimated \$3.08 million; and  
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18           WHEREAS, the Alii Drive area on Hawaii island was  
19 devastated, with significant damage at the historic Kona Inn  
20 facility, impacting approximately 50 businesses; and  
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22           WHEREAS, Puuhonua O Honaunau, or the City of Refuge, has  
23 been closed in response to a number of sensitive cultural  
24 artifacts having been uncovered by the tsunami; and  
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26           WHEREAS, other areas of the State, including Haleiwa on  
27 Oahu; Honokohau Harbor, Kailua-Kona, and Kealahou on Hawaii  
28 Island; Kahului, Kihei, and Spreckelsville on Maui; and Kamalo  
29 on Molokai were also damaged in the wake of the tsunami; and  
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31           WHEREAS, Governor Neil Abercrombie issued a proclamation on  
32 March 11, 2011, declaring a state of emergency, and a  
33 supplementary proclamation on March 13, 2011, which are the



1 initial steps required to obtain federal disaster relief funds;  
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4 WHEREAS, it will continue to take a significant investment  
5 of time, effort, and economic resources to repair the damages  
6 and recover the losses suffered by the State; now, therefore,  
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
9 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
10 of 2011, that all state departments and each county are  
11 requested to assist in the relief and recovery efforts of those  
12 in Hawaii affected by the March 11, 2011, tsunami; and  
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
15 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, head of each  
16 executive state department, and the Mayors of each county.  
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OFFERED BY:

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