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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

DECLARING THE FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER AS HAWAII FISHING AND
SEAFOOD WEEK.

1 WHEREAS, in Hawaii, the heart of the Pacific, the sea is a
2 natural resource that has provided our people with food,
3 recreation, transportation, and a source of spirituality; and
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5 WHEREAS, fishing in Hawaii is a tradition woven into our
6 island communities and local cultures that has been passed down
7 for generations; and
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9 WHEREAS, we have learned from, cared for, and sustained
10 these resources through active participation, use, conservation,
11 and management; and
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13 WHEREAS, Hawaii's residents enjoy three times the national
14 annual per capita average of seafood consumption; and
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16 WHEREAS, Hawaii's fisheries produce fresh and healthy
17 seafood for our local residents and visitors; and
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19 WHEREAS, supporting local seafood production on an island
20 community is a priority to reduce our dependence upon imported
21 goods and provides essential food security for our island state;
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24 WHEREAS, activities such as the Hawaii Fishing and Seafood
25 Festival, hosted by the Pacific Islands Fisheries Group, a
26 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, celebrate Hawaii's rich
27 fishing tradition and fondness for seafood; and
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29 WHEREAS, the festival has been held yearly since 2006 at
30 Pier 38 to promote awareness of marine conservation, ocean
31 safety, and responsible fishing and highlights Hawaii's
32 magnificent seafood industry; and
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1 WHEREAS, festival activities include fishing workshops,
2 tours of fishing vessels, tours of the fish auction facility,
3 live fishing demonstrations, gyotaku printing, seafood cooking,
4 and games for the keiki; now, therefore,
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
7 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the
8 House of Representatives concurring, that this body declares the
9 first week of October as Hawaii Fishing and Seafood Week; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the people of Hawaii are
12 encouraged to recognize and participate in activities that
13 celebrate the importance of fishing and seafood traditions in
14 Hawaii during Hawaii Fishing and Seafood Week; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
17 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Mayors of
18 the Counties of Hawaii, Honolulu, Kauai, and Maui, and Pacific
19 Islands Fisheries Group.
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