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## SENATE RESOLUTION

ADOPTING AND AFFIRMING THE UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AT THE STATE LEVEL REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS, ENCOURAGING THE PROMOTION OF A CULTURE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, AND URGING PARTICIPATION IN A REVIEW OF THE UNITED STATES' PROGRESS IN HUMAN RIGHTS.

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2010, the United States of America underwent the first-ever Universal Periodic Review of its human rights record before the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva; and

WHEREAS, the review process provided an opportunity for the United States to identify human rights violations, develop real solutions, and bring policies in line with international human rights standards; and

WHEREAS, the 228 recommendations from the Universal Periodic Review provided insight into the major human rights issues in the United States; and

WHEREAS, a majority of the recommendations were taken directly from civil society stakeholder reports and subsequent study sheets that United Nations members used in the review process; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh . Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, that this body adopts and affirms the recommendations from the 2010 Universal Periodic Review of the United States of America by the United Nations Human Rights Council, where applicable to the State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body calls for the promotion of a culture of human rights based on the principles established in the Charter of the United Nations; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges the State to participate in the 2015 follow up review of the United States' progress since the inaugural session in 2010; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the United Nations Secretary General, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, members of Hawaii's Congressional delegation, United States Secretary of State, United States Secretary of Education, and United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

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