
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO ENHANCE ITS ENFORCEMENT OF
FEDERAL LAWS PROHIBITING THE SALE OF IVORY.

1 WHEREAS, African elephants are nearing extinction due to
2 the high price of ivory driven by consumer demand; and

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4 WHEREAS, tens of thousands of African elephants are being
5 slaughtered by poachers intent on selling their ivory, and ivory
6 trafficking is at its highest recorded rate ever; and

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8 WHEREAS, the Convention on International Trade in
9 Endangered Species, attended by one hundred seventy-eight
10 nations in March 2013, noted that elephant slaughter has reached
11 crisis proportions unheard of in two decades; and

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13 WHEREAS, scientists believe the population of African
14 elephants cannot withstand this rate of slaughter; and

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16 WHEREAS, the black market trade of ivory through internet
17 sales is skyrocketing throughout the world; and

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19 WHEREAS, the Convention on International Trade in
20 Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, adopted by the
21 United States, banned the international trade of African
22 elephant ivory in 1990; and

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24 WHEREAS, federal laws prohibit the sale of certain classes
25 of ivory; now, therefore,

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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
28 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
29 Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that the federal
30 government is urged to enhance its enforcement of federal laws
31 prohibiting the sale of ivory; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
 3 United States, the Speaker of the United States House of
 4 Representatives, the Majority Leader of the United States
 5 Senate, and the members of Hawaii's congressional delegation.
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