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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING HAWAI'I AS THE FIRST HUMAN RIGHTS STATE IN THE UNITED STATES AND RECOGNIZING MARCH AS HUMAN RIGHTS MONTH.

1           WHEREAS, 2014 marks the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Universal  
2 Declaration of Human Rights; and

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4           WHEREAS, as such, 2014 presents an opportunity to call  
5 attention to human rights violations around the world and to  
6 continue to promote the importance of educating Hawai'i's  
7 citizens about the value of human rights; and

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9           WHEREAS, a Human Rights State is one whose residents and  
10 local authorities, through ongoing discussions and creative  
11 exchanges of ideas, come to understand that human rights, when  
12 widely known as a way of life, assists in identifying the issues  
13 and informs the actions of communities for meaningful, positive  
14 economic and social change; and

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16           WHEREAS, developing Human Rights States and Cities is an  
17 attempt to build infrastructure for conflict prevention, human  
18 security, sustainable development, and create a place for active  
19 civic engagement at the local, national, and global level; and

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21           WHEREAS, the citizens of Hawai'i, led by individuals and  
22 organizations, affirm their commitment to human rights by  
23 declaring Hawai'i to be a Human Rights State, the first of its  
24 kind in the United States; and

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26           WHEREAS, as a Human Rights State, Hawai'i will be a model  
27 for communities around the world to witness practical ways the  
28 human rights framework can make every citizen a partner of  
29 sustainable change; and



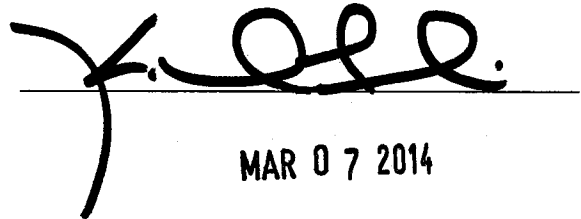
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1 WHEREAS, as a Human Rights State, Hawai'i will be joining  
2 Human Rights States and Cities around the world in working to  
3 provide leadership and advocacy to secure, protect, and promote  
4 human rights for all people; now, therefore,  
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
7 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
8 Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that Hawai'i be  
9 designated as a Human Rights State and that March is recognized  
10 as Human Rights Month in Hawai'i; and  
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Concurrent Resolution may  
13 be cited as the "Hawai'i Human Rights State Recognition  
14 Concurrent Resolution of 2014."  
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OFFERED BY:

  
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