
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

HONORING KING KAMEHAMEHA THE GREAT AND HIS DESCENDANTS BY
SHARING HIS STORY WITH A GLOBAL AUDIENCE, PROMOTING
CEREMONIES AND ACTIVITIES THAT CELEBRATE HIS VISION AND
HAWAII'S CULTURE AND HERITAGE, AND URGING ALL OF THE PEOPLE
OF HAWAII TO DO THE SAME.

1 WHEREAS, King Kamehameha the Great established his legacy
2 by uniting the eight major islands of the Hawaiian archipelago
3 under a single government by the year 1810; and
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5 WHEREAS, appropriately known as the Napoleon of the Pacific
6 for his courage and leadership, King Kamehameha the Great also
7 displayed a rare humanity in battle and is credited for
8 developing an early model for human rights policies on civilians
9 and noncombatants; and
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11 WHEREAS, this early humanitarian law called Ke Kanawai
12 Mamalahoe, or "the Law of the Splintered Paddle," is preserved
13 in Hawaii's constitution and serves as a unique and living
14 symbol of the State's concern for public safety; and
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16 WHEREAS, in recognizing and honoring King Kamehameha Day,
17 and celebrating the history and heritage of the Aloha State, the
18 Hawaiian narrative is noted as one of both profound triumph and,
19 sadly, deep injustice; and
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21 WHEREAS, the story of Hawaiians oppressed by crippling
22 disease, aborted treaties, and the eventual conquest of their
23 sovereign kingdom, is filled with numerous accounts of feats of
24 strength, unity, courage, and love; and
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26 WHEREAS, the stories of this oppression are grim milestones
27 that serve as a reminder of an unjust time in history, as well
28 as the many pitfalls in the Hawaiian nation's long and difficult
29 journey to perfect itself; and



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1 WHEREAS, through the peaks and valleys of the American
2 story, Hawaii's steadfast sense of community and mutual support
3 shows the progress that results when people are united in a
4 spirit of limitless possibility; and
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6 WHEREAS, in the decades since their persecution, Hawaiians
7 have remained resilient and steadfast as part of the diverse
8 people of Hawaii who, as children of pioneers and immigrants
9 from around the world, carry on the unique cultures and
10 traditions of their forebears; and
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12 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii and the nation can all admire
13 the traits and leadership of King Kamehameha the Great, the son
14 of Keoua and Chiefess Kekuiapoiwa, and great-grandson of
15 Keawe'ikehahiali'iokamoku; and
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17 WHEREAS, the Aloha Spirit of Hawaii echoes the American
18 Spirit, representing the opportunities for growth and
19 understanding as the nation moves toward a brighter future; now,
20 therefore,
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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
23 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
24 Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that this body honors
25 King Kamehameha the Great and his descendants by sharing his
26 story with a global audience, promoting ceremonies and
27 activities that celebrate his vision, the spirit of Aloha, and
28 the rich culture and heritage of Hawaii, and urging all of the
29 people of Hawaii to do the same; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
32 Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Executive Officer of the
33 Office of Hawaiian Affairs; the Chief Executive Officer of
34 Kamehameha Schools; Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes
35 Commission; Chairperson of the House of Representatives
36 Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs; and
37 the Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs.
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