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## HOUSE 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, that the federal government is urged to enhance  
30 its enforcement of federal laws prohibiting the sale of ivory;  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 2 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,  
 3 the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the  
 4 Majority Leader of the United States Senate, and the members of  
 5 Hawaii's congressional delegation.

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