
HOUSE 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 65th 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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31 WHEREAS, as a Human Rights State, Hawai'i will be joining
32 Human Rights States and Cities around the world in working to



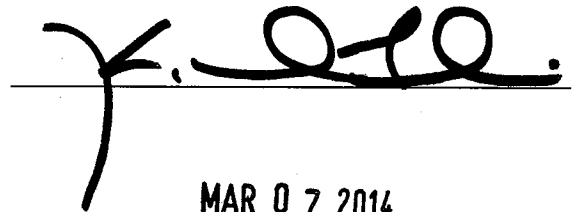
1 provide leadership and advocacy to secure, protect, and promote
2 human rights for all people; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
5 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
6 Session of 2014, that Hawai'i be designated as a Human Rights
7 State and that March is recognized as Human Rights Month in
8 Hawai'i; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution may be cited as
11 the "Hawai'i Human Rights State Recognition Resolution of 2014."

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