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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE REESTABLISHMENT OF STATE-PROVINCE RELATIONS OF  
FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII AND THE PROVINCE OF  
ILOCOS NORTE OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES.

1           WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii has an abiding interest in  
2     developing goodwill, friendship, and economic relations between  
3     the people of Hawaii and the people of Asian and Pacific  
4     countries; and

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6           WHEREAS, as part of its effort to achieve this goal, Hawaii  
7     has established a number of sister-state agreements with  
8     provinces in the Pacific region that have served to establish  
9     exchanges in the areas of business, trade, agriculture and  
10    industry, tourism, sports, health care, social welfare, and  
11    other fields of human endeavor; and

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13           WHEREAS, H.C.R. No. 17, H.D. 1, adopted by the Hawaii  
14    Legislature in 2003 and executed by the Governor in 2004,  
15    established a state-province agreement between the State of  
16    Hawaii and the Province of Ilocos Norte in the Republic of the  
17    Philippines until July 1, 2008; and

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19           WHEREAS, the state-province relationship has paved the way  
20    for mutual understanding and cooperative efforts in the fields  
21    of education, health, tourism, agriculture, socio-economic  
22    endeavors, environment, energy, culture, and the arts; and

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24           WHEREAS, there is a historical relationship between the  
25    Province of Ilocos Norte and the State of Hawaii because several  
26    notable citizens in Hawaii can trace their roots or have  
27    immigrated from the Province of Ilocos Norte; and

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29           WHEREAS, because of this historical relationship, there are  
30    valid reasons to promote international friendship and  
31    understanding for the mutual benefit of both countries to  
32    achieve lasting peace and prosperity; and



# S.C.R. NO. 9

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2 WHEREAS, Governor Imee R. Marcos, Province of Ilocos Norte,  
3 Republic of the Philippines, has launched the "bicentennial  
4 movement" to start the countdown to the 200th Founding  
5 Anniversary of the Province of Ilocos Norte in February 2018,  
6 inspired by certification from the International Organization  
7 for Standardization (ISO) that Ilocos Norte is the first fully  
8 ISO-certified province in the Philippines, a sign that the  
9 province is moving toward global competitiveness; and

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11 WHEREAS, reestablishing a state-province agreement would  
12 reinforce the bridge for understanding and mutual assistance and  
13 would allow Ilocanos in the State of Hawaii to be honored during  
14 the bicentennial celebration that will attest to the province's  
15 resiliency and industry; now, therefore,

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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh  
18 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014, the  
19 House of Representatives concurring, that the Governor, or the  
20 Governor's designee, is requested to take all necessary actions  
21 to reestablish a state-province affiliation with the Province of  
22 Ilocos Norte in the Republic of the Philippines; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor, or designee, is  
25 requested to keep the Legislature fully informed of the process  
26 in reestablishing the relationship, and involved in its  
27 formalization to the extent practicable; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province of Ilocos Norte be  
30 afforded the privileges and honors that Hawaii extends to its  
31 sister-states and provinces; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
34 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
35 United States, President Pro Tempore of the United States  
36 Senate, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives,  
37 Hawaii's congressional delegation, Governor, President of the  
38 Republic of the Philippines through its Honolulu Consulate  
39 General, and Governor and Provincial Board of the Province of  
40 Ilocos Norte, Republic of the Philippines.

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