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SENATE 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
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34 WHEREAS, Governor Imee R. Marcos, Province of Ilocos Norte,
35 Republic of the Philippines, has launched the "bicentennial



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1 movement" to start the countdown to the 200th Founding
2 Anniversary of the Province of Ilocos Norte in February 2018,
3 inspired by certification from the International Organization
4 for Standardization (ISO) that Ilocos Norte is the first fully
5 ISO-certified province in the Philippines, a sign that the
6 province is moving toward global competitiveness; and
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8 WHEREAS, reestablishing a state-province agreement would
9 reinforce the bridge for understanding and mutual assistance and
10 would allow Ilocanos in the State of Hawaii to be honored during
11 the bicentennial celebration that will attest to the province's
12 resiliency and industry; now, therefore,
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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
15 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014,
16 that the Governor, or the Governor's designee, is requested to
17 take all necessary actions to reestablish a state-province
18 affiliation with the Province of Ilocos Norte in the Republic of
19 the Philippines; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor, or designee, is
22 requested to keep the Legislature fully informed of the process
23 in reestablishing the relationship, and involved in its
24 formalization to the extent practicable; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province of Ilocos Norte be
27 afforded the privileges and honors that Hawaii extends to its
28 sister-states and provinces; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
31 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,
32 President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, Speaker of
33 the United States House of Representatives, Hawaii's
34 congressional delegation, Governor, President of the Republic of
35 the Philippines through its Honolulu Consulate General, and
36 Governor and Provincial Board of the Province of Ilocos Norte,
37 Republic of the Philippines.
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