
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE SUPPORT OF, AND REQUESTING THE SEVERAL COUNTIES TO AFFIRM, THE "17 UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS" AS COMPONENTS OF A FRAMEWORK FOR ADDRESSING AND ASSESSING HAWAII'S EFFORTS TOWARD SOCIAL JUSTICE AND SUSTAINABILITY.

1 WHEREAS, peaceful, just, and inclusive societies that
2 respect human rights and the rule of law are fundamentally
3 necessary to achieve sustainable development; and
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5 WHEREAS, while the United Nations celebrated its seventieth
6 anniversary in 2015, one hundred ninety-three of its member
7 states adopted the historic "Transforming Our World by 2030: A
8 New Agenda for Global Action", which is an agreement with a
9 comprehensive, creative, and courageously far-reaching set of
10 standards; and
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12 WHEREAS, the United Nations Conference on Sustainable
13 Development, or "Rio+20", gave birth to the idea of sustainable
14 development goals, which promote a transformative human rights-
15 based development agenda that pledges that no one will be left
16 behind; and
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18 WHEREAS, in September 2015, the family of nations agreed
19 unanimously to support the "17 United Nations Sustainable
20 Development Goals" by 2030; and
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22 WHEREAS, the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development
23 Goals address:

24 (1) Poverty;

25 (2) Hunger;
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- 1 (3) Good health and well-being;
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- 3 (4) Quality education;
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- 5 (5) Gender equality;
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- 7 (6) Clean water and sanitation;
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- 9 (7) Affordable and clean energy;
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- 11 (8) Decent work and economic growth;
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- 13 (9) Industry, innovation, and infrastructure;
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- 15 (10) Reduced inequalities;
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- 17 (11) Sustainable cities and communities;
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- 19 (12) Responsible consumption and production;
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- 21 (13) Climate action;
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- 23 (14) Life below water;
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- 25 (15) Life on land;
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- 27 (16) Peace, justice, and strong institutions; and
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- 29 (17) Partnerships for the goals; and
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31 WHEREAS, the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development
32 Goals include one hundred sixty-nine targets, which promote a
33 universal agenda and integrated approach that are accepted and
34 applicable in all states of the world as a global compact to
35 promote peace, rights, development, and the protection of our
36 planet; and

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38 WHEREAS, the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development
39 Goals are of an unprecedented scope and significance, with
40 intensive public participation, country consultations, and
41 initiatives over two years; and
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1 WHEREAS, the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development
2 Goals are a plan of action for people, in collaborative
3 partnership, to strengthen prosperity, universal peace, freedom
4 for the human family, and the resources of the planet; and
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6 WHEREAS, the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development
7 Goals offer common and courageous action across a broad public
8 policy agenda in harmony among people and with nature; and
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10 WHEREAS, in this twenty-first century, the 17 United
11 Nations Sustainable Development Goals are part of an agenda for
12 grassroots and global action, and serve as a charter for every
13 county and country of people on the planet; and
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15 WHEREAS, today, the world has transformative social tools
16 and technology to achieve these global goals, and each
17 individual, community association, and state around the globe
18 needs to ensure or generate the political will to use these
19 tools; and
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21 WHEREAS, the commitment to human rights, the future of
22 humanity, the realization of the United Nations' post-2015
23 development agenda, and our planet rest in our hands and, most
24 importantly, in the hands of today's younger generations, who
25 will pass the torch to future generations to; and
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27 WHEREAS, the accountability architecture of the 17 United
28 Nations Sustainable Development Goals will be based on broad
29 participation and personal commitment; and
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31 WHEREAS, three times before 2030, the United Nations' High
32 Level Political Forum will be the forum in which all states
33 participate in the global review of the 17 United Nations
34 Sustainable Development Goals; and
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36 WHEREAS, Hawaii is already involved in the campaign to end
37 poverty and protect the planet; and
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39 WHEREAS, in December 2015, the United Nations Framework
40 Convention on Climate Change Conference in Paris included the
41 premiere of short video productions, created by Hawaii youth,



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1 that address the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development
2 Goals; and

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4 WHEREAS, in Hawaii, college and community dialogues have
5 included discussions of the 17 United Nations Sustainable
6 Development Goals, and these conversations will continue to
7 generate genuine insight into how the goals are being realized
8 in our islands; now, therefore,

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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
11 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
12 Session of 2016, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature
13 engages, endorses, accepts, and adopts the 17 United Nations
14 Sustainable Development Goals as components of a framework for
15 addressing and assessing Hawaii's efforts toward social justice
16 and sustainability; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges the
19 county councils to endorse and use the 17 United Nations
20 Sustainable Development Goals as measurements for each county's
21 efforts regarding people, peace, and the planet; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
25 United States; the Majority Leader of the United States Senate;
26 the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; the
27 Secretary-General of the United Nations; the Executive Secretary
28 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change;
29 the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; and the
30 Governor of the State of Hawaii, who is requested to transmit
31 copies to the mayors of the several counties, the chairpersons
32 of the several county councils, the Attorney General, the
33 Chairperson of the Board of Education, the Superintendent of
34 Education, the Director of Health, the Director of Human
35 Services, the Director of Public Safety, the Chairperson of the
36 Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, and the President
37 of the University of Hawaii.

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