
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR TO ESTABLISH A COMMISSION REGARDING THE
EARLY SETTLERS OF AFRICAN ANCESTRY AND THEIR HAWAIIAN
AFRICAN DESCENDANTS.

1 WHEREAS, people of African ancestry made numerous
2 significant contributions to all phases of Hawaii's development
3 and history since their arrival in the eighteenth century; and
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5 WHEREAS, combined with the rich culture of Native
6 Hawaiians, people of African ancestry continue to impact and
7 influence life in Hawaii, particularly with the President of the
8 United States, Barack Obama, being a Hawaii born person of
9 African ancestry; and
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11 WHEREAS, Hawaii can no longer ignore the early settlers'
12 history which was embedded in the fabric of these islands long
13 before the missionaries arrived in 1820, with the descendants of
14 these settlers still living among us today; and
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16 WHEREAS, to recognize the history of the early settlers of
17 African ancestry and Hawaiian African descendants, acknowledging
18 their many contributions and common threads within Hawaii's
19 society, and to educate local residents and young people about
20 the diverse culture and roots within our islands' multicultural
21 society; now, therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
25 Session of 2016, the Senate concurring, that the Governor is
26 urged to establish a commission regarding the early settlers of
27 African ancestry and their Hawaiian African descendants to
28 educate residents, young people, and visitors to Hawaii about
29 the significance and impact of the early settlers of African



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1 ancestry and their Hawaiian African descendants' experiences in
2 Hawaii; and

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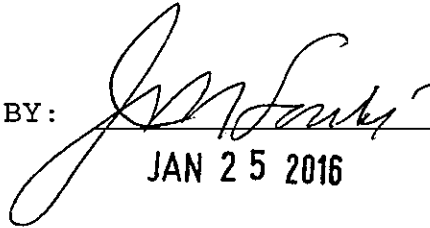
4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor.

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