
HOUSE RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING A STATE-OWNED PARCEL OF LAND ADJACENT TO THE FIRST HOME OF PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA AS THE "PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA BIRTHPLACE GARDEN," AND ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO PLAN APPROPRIATE IMPROVEMENTS TO IDENTIFY AND DIGNIFY THE SITE.

1 WHEREAS, the newspaper birth announcement for Barack Obama,
2 born August 4, 1961, listed his residence as an address on
3 Kalaniana'ole Highway, near Kuli'ou'ou Road; and
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5 WHEREAS, Barack Obama spent most of his childhood and
6 adolescent years in Honolulu, developing character and intellect
7 that encompass a sense of aloha, an appreciation of
8 multiculturalism, and an enlightened global perspective; and
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10 WHEREAS, in 1999, Barack Obama wrote, "The opportunity that
11 Hawaii offered - to experience a variety of cultures in a
12 climate of mutual respect - became an integral part of my world
13 view, and a basis for the values that I hold most dear;" and
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15 WHEREAS, Barack Obama once said, "What's best in me, and
16 what's best in my message, is consistent with the tradition of
17 Hawai'i;" and First Lady Michelle Obama has said, "You can't
18 really understand Barack until you understand Hawai'i;" and
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20 WHEREAS, after moving from Hawai'i upon graduation from high
21 school, Barack Obama maintained close ties with his home state,
22 visiting resident family members and friends on a nearly annual
23 basis to re-experience island activities as a kama'aina, and
24 continuing with annual family Christmas vacations to Hawai'i
25 throughout his years as President; and
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1 WHEREAS, the people of Hawai'i, inspired and proud that one
2 of their own could aspire to become President of the United
3 States, cast more than seventy-one percent of their 2008 and
4 2012 presidential ballots for this keiki o ka 'aina, making
5 Hawai'i the state with the greatest victory margin to elect
6 President Obama in the nation; and
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8 WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i owns a small parcel of land
9 adjacent to the first home of the 44th President of the United
10 States; and
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12 WHEREAS, this historic site is on a route to several East
13 O'ahu attractions, including President Obama's favorites Hanauma
14 Bay and Sandy Beach, as well as the memorial locations of his
15 mother and grandmother, and the site is passed by thousands of
16 residents and visitors every day; now, therefore,
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
19 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
20 Session of 2016, that the 4,124 square foot State-owned property
21 at 6091 Kalaniana'ole Highway (TMK 3-8-003-055), under the
22 jurisdiction of the Hawaii State Department of Transportation,
23 be designated and established as the "President Barack Obama
24 Birthplace Garden"; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is urged to
27 approve this designation by executive order as provided by law;
28 and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a working group be formed by
31 July 1, 2016 to include:
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- 33 (1) Three community members assigned by the Senate
34 President;
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36 (2) Three community members assigned by the Speaker of the
37 House of Representatives;
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39 (3) One member each appointed by Neighborhood Boards
40 Number 1 and 2;



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