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

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36 WHEREAS, the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development
37 Goals are of an unprecedented scope and significance, with
38 intensive public participation, country consultations, and
39 initiatives over two years; and

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41 WHEREAS, the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development
42 Goals are a plan of action for people, in collaborative



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

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

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

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

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