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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING A SISTER STATE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF  
HAWAI'I OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE STATE OF GOA  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA.

1           WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i is actively seeking to expand  
2 its international ties and has an abiding interest in developing  
3 goodwill, friendship, and economic relations between the people  
4 of Hawai'i and the people of many nations; and  
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6           WHEREAS, the Republic of India, one of the most diverse and  
7 the most populous democratic countries in South Asia, is  
8 recognized internationally as the future of economic  
9 development; and  
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11           WHEREAS, Goa is thought of as a leader in technology, and  
12 could provide opportunities for student exchanges with the  
13 University of Hawai'i; and  
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15           WHEREAS, Goa, the twenty-fifth state of the Union of States  
16 of India, is a small state on the west coast of India, and like  
17 Hawai'i, Goa's beautiful beaches and rich tropical landscape have  
18 made it a popular vacation destination for national and  
19 international visitors, and have attracted a robust surfing  
20 community; and  
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22           WHEREAS, Goa is one of the richest states in India, having  
23 the highest gross state domestic product per capita with tourism  
24 leading its economic growth; and a relationship between Goa and  
25 Hawai'i would provide new opportunities to import and export  
26 goods and services between the states; and  
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28           WHEREAS, a relationship between Hawai'i and Goa will create  
29 new possibilities to share markets involving medicinal, herbal,  
30 and other food products, and to trade agricultural and culinary  
31 knowledge related to these products; and



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2 WHEREAS, the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and  
3 Cultural Organization has recognized the Western Ghats mountain  
4 range as a World Heritage Site; and the biological, geological,  
5 cultural, and aesthetic resources of the Western Ghats that lie  
6 within Goa's boundaries are preserved by the designation of  
7 national parks, wildlife sanctuaries, and reserve forests; and  
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9 WHEREAS, similar to Hawai'i, Goa has an ethnically diverse  
10 population, and its people speak a variety of languages,  
11 including Konkani, Marathi, Hindi, and English; and  
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13 WHEREAS, Goa's people live harmoniously with each other  
14 while practicing a variety of religions, including Hinduism,  
15 Christianity, Islam, Sikhism, and Jainism; and  
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17 WHEREAS, Goa's diversity is also evident in its  
18 architectural landscape, with buildings showcasing a combination  
19 of Indian, Islamic, and Portuguese influences; and  
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21 WHEREAS, Hawai'i and Goa are coastal states with diverse  
22 ecosystems, populations, cultures, languages, and religions that  
23 value the economic growth and sustainability that benefit all  
24 residents; and  
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26 WHEREAS, pursuant to section 229-3, Hawaii Revised  
27 Statutes, the Hawaii Sister-State Committee is tasked with  
28 evaluating and developing recommendations for the initiation of  
29 all sister-state relationships, and forwarding its  
30 recommendations to the Legislature for implementation by either  
31 adopting a concurrent resolution or enacting session law to that  
32 effect; and  
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34 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Sister-State Committee has recommended  
35 that a sister-state relationship be established between Hawai'i  
36 and Goa; and  
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38 WHEREAS, this body believes that a sister-state  
39 relationship between Hawai'i and Goa would promote mutual  
40 commerce and trade in areas such as tourism and the film  
41 industry, and would increase opportunities for economic, social,



1 cultural, educational, and environmental exchanges; now,  
2 therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth  
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016, the  
6 House of Representatives concurring, that a sister-state  
7 relationship between the State of Hawai'i of the United States of  
8 America and the State of Goa of the Republic of India is hereby  
9 established; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the  
13 State of Hawaii; Governor of the State of Goa; Consul General of  
14 India in San Francisco; Director of Business, Economic  
15 Development, and Tourism; and Chair of the Hawaii Sister-State  
16 Committee.

