SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO ISSUE A PROCLAMATION TO DESIGNATE 2018 AS THE YEAR OF THE HAWAIIAN TO CELEBRATE THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF NATIVE HAWAIIANS.

WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians are the indigenous native people of the Hawaiian Islands; and

WHEREAS, it has been nearly 30 years since 1988, which was celebrated as the last Year of the Hawaiian, which culminated in a gathering of individuals, families, Native Hawaiian practitioners, hula halau, cultural experts, kumu hula, political leaders and others at Aloha Stadium on January 23, 1988 to celebrate their shared culture, kinship and connection to the aina; and

WHEREAS, in the last 30 years, Hawaiians have made significant achievements in education; and

WHEREAS, in the last 30 years, Hawaiians have made significant achievements in healthcare; and

WHEREAS, in the last 30 years, Hawaiians have made significant achievements in music and culture; and

WHEREAS, in the last 30 years, Hawaiians have made significant achievements in natural resource management and environmental protection; and

WHEREAS, in the last 30 years, Hawaiians have made significant achievements in civic engagement and community organizing; and

WHEREAS, in the last 30 years, Hawaiians have made significant achievements in preserving and perpetuating the Hawaiian language; and

WHEREAS, in the last 30 years Hawaiians have made significant achievements in business and economic prosperity; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Governor is requested to issue a proclamation to designate 2018 as the Year of the Hawaiian, to celebrate the achievements of Native Hawaiians; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Native Hawaiian organizations be called together to organize and plan celebratory events, across all islands, throughout the Year of the Hawaiian to encourage and inspire further achievements of the Hawaiian people; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the Mayor of each county.