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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO RECOGNIZE AND ADOPT  
INDIGENOUS LAND STEWARDSHIP PRACTICES TO ADDRESS CLIMATE  
CHANGE.

1           WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians and the indigenous peoples of the  
2 United States - Native Americans, including American Indians,  
3 Alaska Natives - were able to live in harmony with their  
4 environments and developed complex systems of resource  
5 management to promote sustainable farming, fishing, and resource  
6 gathering; and  
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8           WHEREAS, according to the 2018 Special Report from the  
9 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the planet is already  
10 seeing the consequences of the increase of one degree Celsius of  
11 global warming through more extreme weather, rising sea levels,  
12 and diminishing Arctic Sea ice, and estimates that by 2030, the  
13 planet will have warmed one and a half degrees Celsius bringing  
14 with it the beginning of catastrophic consequences; and  
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16           WHEREAS, Act 288, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2012, established  
17 the 'Aha Moku advisory committee within the Department of Land  
18 and Natural Resources to bring generational wisdom of Native  
19 Hawaiians regarding the protection and sustainability of natural  
20 and cultural resources to the government agencies of the State  
21 of Hawai'i; and  
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23           WHEREAS, local organizations have voiced their support for  
24 the First Stewards' call on the United States government to  
25 formally recognize the First Stewards and their expertise to  
26 ensure the full and effective participation of tribal  
27 governments and indigenous communities for guidance in all  
28 policies and decision-making that affects Native and Indigenous  
29 peoples' way of life, and to support their management efforts to  
30 address climate change, which strengthens American resiliency  
31 and ability to adapt to climate change; and  
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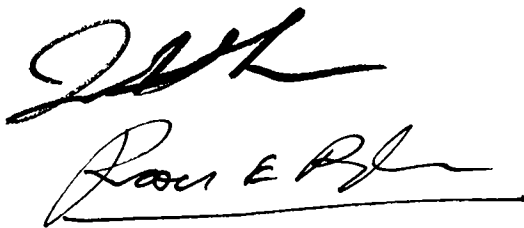
1 WHEREAS, on July 10, 2019, United States Senator Brian  
 2 Schatz as the Chair of the Senate Democrats' Special Committee  
 3 on the Climate Crisis, and in collaboration with a group of  
 4 thirteen other United States Senators, solicited the views of  
 5 American Indian, Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian community  
 6 leaders on the impacts of climate change in their respective  
 7 communities and requested input, knowledge, and experience to  
 8 help shape federal action to address climate change; now,  
 9 therefore,




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 11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature  
 12 of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2020, the House of  
 13 Representatives concurring, that the United States government is  
 14 urged to recognize and adopt indigenous land stewardship  
 15 practices to address climate change; and

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 17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 18 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
 19 United States, Speaker of the United States House of  
 20 Representatives, President Pro Tempore of the United States  
 21 Senate, Director of the Environmental Protection Agency, and  
 22 members of Hawai'i's congressional delegation.

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