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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER AS HAWAIIAN HISTORY MONTH.

1 WHEREAS, in the month of September, Queen Lili'uokalani's
2 birth, life, and legacy is remembered and celebrated in the
3 Hawaiian community, including at churches and Hawaiian
4 organizations, such as Kawaiaha'o Church's Ali'i Sunday, the
5 Lili'uokalani Trust Kipuka (children centers), and the Kamehameha
6 Schools; and

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8 WHEREAS, in September 2019, Ali'iōlani Hale King
9 Kamehameha V Judiciary History Center hosted a temporary exhibit
10 on the Kingdom's diplomacy with foreign countries, the Kingdom's
11 Constitutions, the effects of foreign introduced disease in
12 Hawai'i and the history of laws pertaining to 'ōlelo Hawai'i
13 (Hawaiian language); and

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15 WHEREAS, in September 2019, the Pūko'a Kani 'Āina 'Ike
16 Hawai'i Speaker Series at Punahou School hosted by the Hawai'i
17 Pono'i Coalition, presented 'Ike Mōakaaka Revealing Native Agency
18 in Unlikely Places: The 1894 Constitution of the Republic of
19 Hawai'i, an illustrated presentation by historian and archivist
20 Ronald Williams, Jr. PhD; and

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22 WHEREAS, each year the International Day of Peace is
23 observed around the world on September 21 and the United Nations
24 General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to
25 strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all
26 nations and people; and

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28 WHEREAS, although Queen Lili'uokalani was deposed as queen,
29 charged with crimes, and imprisoned by the provisional
30 government, she maintained a personal directive of peaceful
31 resistance, believing in God, and entrusting that the political
32 process would return the sovereignty of the Hawaiian Kingdom,



1 and to this day, Queen Lili'uokalani remains an enduring symbol
2 of hope for her people; and
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4 WHEREAS, in 2006, a small hui (group) of members from the
5 Hawaiian community including Kumu J. Keola Lake, Aaron Mahi,
6 Beau Bassett, Kaho'onei Panoke, Meleanna Meyer, and Vicky Holt-
7 Takamine, planned for and successfully presented the first
8 large-scale birthday celebration honoring Queen Lili'uokalani as
9 a world leader and exemplar of peace, on the grounds of 'Iolani
10 Palace; and
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12 WHEREAS, in August 2007, a hui of native Hawaiian
13 organizations namely Alu Like, Inc., the Association of Hawaiian
14 Civic Clubs, the Friends of 'Iolani Palace, 'Ilio'ulaokalani
15 Coalition, the Kamehameha Schools, the Lili'uokalani Trust, Nā
16 Pua a Ke Ali'i Pauahi, Native Hawaiian Bar Association, Native
17 Hawaiian Legal Corporation, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, PA'I
18 Foundation, and University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Kamakakūokalani
19 Center for Hawaiian Studies, came together as founding members
20 of the Hawai'i Pono'i Coalition; and
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22 WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Pono'i Coalition was formed to educate
23 those who live in and visit the islands about Hawai'i's true
24 history, the native Hawaiian people, and the culture that makes
25 Hawai'i a place like no other; and
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27 WHEREAS, in September 2007, the Hawai'i Pono'i Coalition
28 launched its first commemorative event, 'Onipa'a (Steadfast): A
29 Birthday Celebration for Queen Lili'uokalani, on the grounds of
30 'Iolani Palace, billed as "A Day of Learning and Recapturing the
31 History of Hawai'i"; and
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33 WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Pono'i Coalition has commemorated Queen
34 Lili'uokalani's birthday on the grounds of 'Iolani Palace in
35 September of every year since 2007 in its annual signature
36 event, the 'Onipa'a Celebration, to honor Queen Lili'uokalani as a
37 leader of peace and justice, to appreciate our culture, and to
38 educate the public on the true history of Hawai'i; and
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1 WHEREAS, Mai Poina: The Overthrow, living history walking
 2 tours on the grounds of 'Iolani Palace retracing four pivotal
 3 days leading up to and including the overthrow of the Hawaiian
 4 monarchy are held for four days in September following the
 5 'Onipa'a Celebration and have been since 2010; and

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 7 WHEREAS, although Prince Kūhiō Day is an official state
 8 holiday to mark the birth of Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole -
 9 heir to the throne of the Kingdom of Hawai'i, and Kamehameha Day
 10 is an official state holiday to honor Kamehameha I, there is no
 11 Hawai'i state observance or holiday recognizing Queen
 12 Lili'uokalani, Hawai'i's last ruling monarch; and



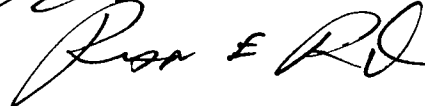
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 14 WHEREAS, designating September as Hawaiian History Month
 15 would be an appropriate way to honor Queen Lili'uokalani and
 16 recognize the contributions of the native Hawaiian community,
 17 while also providing community building, educational, and
 18 economic opportunities through the previously listed and other
 19 events; now, therefore,

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 21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
 22 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, the House of
 23 Representatives concurring, that September be designated as
 24 Hawaiian History Month; and

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 26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 27 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,
 28 Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian
 29 Affairs, and Mayors of all counties.

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