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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR TO DECLARE THE LAST SATURDAY OF EVERY
OCTOBER AS A "DAY OF TRICK-OR-TREATING".

1 WHEREAS, Halloween is widely celebrated throughout the
2 State, regardless of religious, ethnic, or political
3 affiliation; and

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5 WHEREAS, the Legislature is concerned for the safety and
6 well-being of its citizens, particularly its children; and

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8 WHEREAS, Halloween is celebrated by "trick-or-treating," an
9 activity during which children walk or run to and among houses,
10 including in or across streets on which there are moving
11 vehicles; and

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13 WHEREAS, trick-or-treating often occurs when it is dark;
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16 WHEREAS, such darkness creates dangerous conditions for
17 both pedestrians and drivers; and

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19 WHEREAS, a study published by the Journal of the American
20 Medical Association Pediatrics found that there are forty-three
21 percent more pedestrian fatalities on Halloween night than there
22 are on any other autumn night; and

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24 WHEREAS, many parents, guardians, or caregivers of children
25 work, and cannot leave their place of employment during daylight
26 hours to supervise their children on Halloween; and

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28 WHEREAS, declaring an additional day for the celebration of
29 Halloween does not change nor move the day of Halloween; and

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31 WHEREAS, the day of Halloween is and will continue to be
32 October 31 of each year; now, therefore,
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S.R. NO. 6

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
2 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, that in the
3 interest of public safety, that the Governor is urged to declare
4 the last Saturday of October as a "Day of Trick-or-Treating";
5 and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in so declaring, the Governor
8 urges the residents of the State to participate in trick-or-
9 treating activities on the last Saturday of October; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
12 Resolution shall be sent to the Governor of the State of Hawaii.

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OFFERED BY:



