
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING A SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF
HAWAII, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND THE AUTONOMOUS REGION
OF MADEIRA, PORTUGAL.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii has developed and maintained a rich
2 heritage of international relations and cultural exchange since
3 the days of the Hawaiian monarchy in the nineteenth century; and
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5 WHEREAS, since 1981, the Legislature has instituted sister-
6 state relationships as a means of asserting and promoting the
7 State's active participation in international matters; and
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9 WHEREAS, Hawaii currently maintains nineteen sister-state
10 relationships, only one of which is with a European country; and
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12 WHEREAS, Madeira is an autonomous region of Portugal and is
13 located in the northern Atlantic, approximately five hundred
14 miles southwest of Lisbon; and
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16 WHEREAS, Hawaii and the people of Madeira share a long
17 history and strong bond, which began with the arrival in
18 Honolulu Harbor of one hundred eighty contract laborers from
19 Madeira on September 30, 1878, aboard the S.S. Priscilla; and
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21 WHEREAS, during the three decades that followed,
22 approximately eight thousand Madeiran immigrants arrived to work
23 on Hawaii's sugarcane plantations; and
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25 WHEREAS, immigrants from Madeira brought elements of their
26 home culture to Hawaii, many of which became integral parts of
27 life in Hawaii, such as the braguinha, which became the 'ukulele;
28 linguça, which became known as Portuguese sausage; and their
29 skills as cattlemen, whose traditions shaped Hawaii's paniolo;
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2 WHEREAS, pursuant to section 229-3, Hawaii Revised
3 Statutes, the Hawaii Sister-State Committee is tasked with
4 evaluating and developing recommendations for the initiation of
5 all sister-state relationships and forwarding its
6 recommendations to the Legislature; if the Legislature so
7 chooses, it shall implement the recommendation to initiate a
8 sister-state or province relationship by either adopting a
9 concurrent resolution or by enacting session law to that effect;
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12 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii is actively seeking to expand
13 its international ties and has an abiding interest in developing
14 goodwill, friendship, and economic relations between the people
15 of Hawaii and the people of many nations; and

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17 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Sister-State Committee has reviewed the
18 Hawaii-Madeira sister-state application and has recommended that
19 a sister-state relationship be established between Hawaii and
20 the Autonomous Region of Madeira; and

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22 WHEREAS, this body believes that a sister-state
23 relationship between Hawaii and the Autonomous Region of Madeira
24 will be highly beneficial in expanding tourism, strengthening
25 cultural and historical bonds, and advancing common goals of
26 international peace and fellowship; now, therefore,

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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
29 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
30 of 2022, the Senate concurring, that a sister-state relationship
31 between the State of Hawaii, United States of America, and the
32 Autonomous Region of Madeira, Portugal, is hereby established;
33 and

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
36 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the United States
37 Secretary of State; Ambassador of Portugal to the United States;
38 Governor; President of the Autonomous Region of Madeira;
39 Honorary Consul of Portugal in Hawaii; Director of Business,
40 Economic Development, and Tourism; and Chairperson of the Hawaii
41 Sister-State Committee.
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