
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 3 THROUGH OCTOBER 7, 2022, AS DIGITAL
INCLUSION WEEK IN THE STATE OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, broadband services are essential infrastructure
2 for the twenty-first century and play an important role in
3 providing access to knowledge and opportunities from around the
4 world; and

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6 WHEREAS, digital equity ensures that all individuals and
7 communities have the information technology capacity needed for
8 full participation in our society, democracy, and economy and is
9 necessary for civic and cultural participation, lifelong
10 learning, and access to essential services, such as
11 telemedicine, distance learning, and the workplace; and

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13 WHEREAS, the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic
14 has heightened the demand for reliable, affordable internet
15 connectivity as work, education, and access to essential
16 services have shifted toward being provided online; and

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18 WHEREAS, broadband access has been protecting public health
19 during the COVID-19 pandemic, while addressing socioeconomic
20 disparities for the most vulnerable Hawaii residents who live in
21 underrepresented communities; and

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23 WHEREAS, many rural, agricultural, and lower-income
24 communities throughout the State lack access to reliable and
25 affordable broadband due to the lack of infrastructure;
26 discrimination in investment in delivering technology and
27 technology-related services to specific areas or populations; or
28 barriers derived from socioeconomic status, education, literacy,
29 language, or disabilities; and

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31 WHEREAS, the State is committed to promoting digital
32 inclusion to ensure that all individuals and communities,



1 including the most remote and disadvantaged, have access to and
2 the use of information and communication technologies, including
3 affordable, robust broadband internet service; internet-enabled
4 devices that meet the needs of the user; access to digital
5 literacy training; quality technical support; and applications
6 and online content designed to enable and encourage self-
7 sufficiency, participation, and collaboration; and
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9 WHEREAS, in his State of the State address on January 25,
10 2021, Governor David Ige called for the State to expand its
11 investments in digital technology of Hawaii 2.0, thereby
12 dedicating the State to being a leader in broadband access; and
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14 WHEREAS, Act 225, Regular Session of 2021, established the
15 Hawaii Broadband and Digital Equity Office and the Broadband
16 Infrastructure Grant Program to facilitate the deployment of the
17 infrastructure necessary to provide broadband service to
18 unserved and underserved areas of the State; and
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20 WHEREAS, to raise awareness of the need for digital equity
21 and to promote digital inclusion, Senate Resolution No. 49,
22 S.D. 1, Regular Session of 2021, further recognized October 4
23 through October 8, 2021, as Digital Inclusion Week in the State;
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26 WHEREAS, Digital Inclusion Week is spearheaded by the
27 National Digital Inclusion Alliance, which represents affiliated
28 organizations working toward digital equity by crafting,
29 identifying, and disseminating financial and operational
30 resources for digital inclusion programs to raise awareness of
31 solutions addressing home internet access, personal devices, and
32 local technology training and support programs; now, therefore,
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34 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
35 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the
36 House of Representatives concurring, that October 3 through
37 October 7, 2022, is recognized as Digital Inclusion Week in the
38 State to raise awareness of the need for digital equity and to
39 promote digital inclusion; and
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
42 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Director



1 of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and Strategic
2 Broadband Coordinator of the Hawaii Broadband and Digital Equity
3 Office.

