
SENATE 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, the Autonomous Region of Madeira is an archipelago
13 of volcanic origin in the northern Atlantic, located
14 approximately six hundred miles southwest of Lisbon, and is one
15 of the two autonomous regions of Portugal; and
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17 WHEREAS, the archipelago of Madeira consists of two
18 inhabited islands--Madeira and Porto Santo; the Desertas Islands
19 comprised of three uninhabited islands; and the Selvagens
20 Islands, an archipelago including three main islands and sixteen
21 uninhabited islets; and
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23 WHEREAS, in 1976, the Archipelago of Madeira, along with
24 the Archipelago of the Azores, became autonomous regions under
25 the Constitution of the Portuguese Republic; and
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27 WHEREAS, tourism is currently the main economic driver and
28 largest source of revenue in Madeira; and
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30 WHEREAS, Hawaii and the people of Madeira share a long
31 history and strong bond, which began when one hundred eighty



1 contract laborers from Madeira arrived in Honolulu Harbor on
2 September 30, 1878, on the S.S. Priscilla; and
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4 WHEREAS, during the three decades that followed,
5 approximately eight thousand Madeiran immigrants arrived to work
6 on Hawaii's sugarcane plantations; and
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8 WHEREAS, immigrants from Madeira brought elements of their
9 home culture to Hawaii, many of which became integral parts of
10 life in Hawaii, such as the braguinha, which became the 'ukulele;
11 linguica, which became known as Portuguese sausage; and their
12 skills as cattlemen, whose traditions shaped Hawaii's paniolo;
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15 WHEREAS, pursuant to section 229-3, Hawaii Revised
16 Statutes, the Hawaii Sister-State Committee is tasked with
17 evaluating and developing recommendations for the initiation of
18 all sister-state relationships and forwarding its
19 recommendations to the Legislature; if the Legislature so
20 chooses, it shall implement the recommendation to initiate a
21 sister-state or province relationship by either adopting a
22 concurrent resolution or by enacting session law to that effect;
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25 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii is actively seeking to expand
26 its international ties and has an abiding interest in developing
27 goodwill, friendship, and economic relations between the people
28 of Hawaii and the people of many nations; and
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30 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Sister-State Committee has reviewed the
31 Hawaii-Madeira sister-state application and on November 16,
32 2021, recommended that a sister-state relationship be
33 established between Hawaii and the Autonomous Region of Madeira;
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36 WHEREAS, this body believes that a sister-state
37 relationship between Hawaii and the Autonomous Region of Madeira
38 will be highly beneficial in expanding tourism, strengthening
39 cultural and historical bonds, and advancing common goals of
40 international peace and fellowship; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the
3 House of Representatives concurring, that a sister-state
4 relationship between the State of Hawaii, United States of
5 America, and the Autonomous Region of Madeira, Portugal, is
6 hereby established; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
9 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the United States
10 Secretary of State; Ambassador of Portugal to the United States
11 of America; Governor; President of the Regional Government of
12 Madeira; Honorary Consul of Portugal in Hawaii; Director of
13 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and Chairperson of
14 the Hawaii Sister-State Committee.

