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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT ADOPT AND PROMOTE THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF
HUMAN RIGHTS.

1 WHEREAS, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR),
2 adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in Paris, France
3 on December 10, 1948, was the first international agreement of
4 the twentieth century to establish fundamental rights and
5 freedoms to which every individual is entitled; and
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7 WHEREAS, the UDHR is a milestone document in the history of
8 human rights and serves as a foundational blueprint for
9 fundamental freedoms and concrete actions that support human
10 rights, demand dignity for all, and respect the rule of law as a
11 foundational principle of governance; and
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13 WHEREAS, the UDHR:

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15 (1) Represents a collective demand for peace, dignity,
16 justice, and rights;
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18 (2) Promotes a common understanding of dignity for every
19 individual everywhere, which was collaboratively
20 developed by representatives from different legal and
21 cultural backgrounds of the world; and
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23 (3) Demonstrates the power of ideas to inspire individuals
24 to take collective action to change the world and
25 ensure equality and equity, beginning in one's own
26 community; and
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28 WHEREAS, to commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of
29 the adoption of the UDHR, the United Nations Office of the High
30 Commissioner for Human Rights has launched a one-year
31 international campaign highlighting the essential truth that



1 "[a]ll humans are born free and equal in dignity and rights";
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4 WHEREAS, the seventy-fifth anniversary of the adoption of
5 the UDHR will be celebrated in countries, capitals, and
6 communities across the globe as part of a common effort to bring
7 the UDHR to the attention of everyone everywhere; and

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9 WHEREAS, the anniversary has the potential to rekindle a
10 spirit and sense of solidarity, and rejuvenate a global movement
11 through empowering people to fight for their rights; now,
12 therefore,

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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
15 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023, the
16 House of Representatives concurring, that the Office of Planning
17 and Sustainable Development is requested to:

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19 (1) In coordination with other state departments, adopt
20 the thirty articles of the Universal Declaration of
21 Human Rights, in furtherance of the Hawaii State
22 Planning Act;

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24 (2) Promote the UDHR to the people of Hawai'i through
25 popular public education; and

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27 (3) Study the feasibility and impact of establishing a
28 Hawai'i Human Rights and Resilience Commission in
29 accordance with the Principles Relating to the Status
30 of National Institutions, more commonly known as the
31 Paris Principles, and submit a report of its findings
32 and recommendations, including any proposed
33 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty
34 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
35 2024; and

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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
38 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary-General of
39 the United Nations, United Nations High Commissioner for Human
40 Rights, President of the United States, Vice President of the
41 United States, United States Secretary of State, Special
42 Presidential Envoy for Climate, Speaker of the United States



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1 House of Representatives, President Pro Tempore of the United
2 States Senate, Hawai'i's congressional delegation, Governor, and
3 Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

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