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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE DAY OF THE SECOND NEW MOON AFTER THE WINTER  
SOLSTICE OF EVERY YEAR AS THE LUNAR NEW YEAR IN THE STATE  
OF HAWAII.

1           WHEREAS, 2023 marks the two hundred and thirty-fourth  
2 anniversary of the first arrival of Asian immigrant workers in  
3 the State; and

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5           WHEREAS, as of July 1, 2022, approximately 37.1 percent of  
6 the State's population or over five hundred thousand residents  
7 of the State are of Asian descent; and

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9           WHEREAS, the Asian community in Hawaii has contributed  
10 greatly, not only to the State's social, civic, and economic  
11 success, but also to its diverse and vibrant culture, which  
12 includes the celebration of the Lunar New Year; and

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14           WHEREAS, the Lunar New Year is joyously observed by  
15 numerous residents in the State and is celebrated by more than  
16 two-thirds of Chinese, Korean, Japanese, and Vietnamese  
17 Americans in general; and

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19           WHEREAS, the Lunar New Year provides a time to renew one's  
20 family ties, reflect upon the past year, and wish for good  
21 fortune, health, and prosperity in the year ahead; and

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23           WHEREAS, the United States House of Representatives  
24 introduced resolutions recognizing the cultural and historical  
25 significance of the Lunar New Year in 2021 and 2023; California  
26 recognized the Lunar New Year as a state holiday in 2022; and  
27 New York recognized the Lunar New Year as a public school  
28 holiday in 2023; and

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30           WHEREAS, by recognizing the Lunar New Year in Hawaii, this  
31 body honors the State's rich cultural history, demonstrates its  
32 commitment to cultural diversity, and extends its best wishes



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1 for peace and prosperity to all who celebrate this important  
2 occasion; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second  
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, the  
6 House of Representatives concurring, that the day of the second  
7 new moon after the winter solstice of every year is recognized  
8 as the Lunar New Year in the State of Hawaii; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lunar New Year shall not be  
11 construed as a state holiday; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor.

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OFFERED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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