
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING JUNE 21, 2025, AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY, JULY 1, 2025, AS CANADA DAY, AND SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, AS TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION DAY, IN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE ENDURING FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF CANADA AND HAWAII, THE INDEPENDENT SOVEREIGNTY AND SELF-DETERMINATION OF THE PEOPLE OF CANADA, AND A COMMITMENT TO NEVER AGAIN ALLOW THE SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF A PEOPLE TO SELF DETERMINATION TO BE TAKEN AGAINST THEIR WILL.

1 WHEREAS, the Kingdom of Hawaii had foreign consulates in
2 numerous Canadian cities including Belleville, Brockville,
3 Halifax, Hamilton, Kingstown, Montreal, Ottawa, Rimouski,
4 Rockville, St. Johns, Toronto, Vancouver, and Victoria; and
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6 WHEREAS, the people of Canada and the people of Hawaii
7 share a long and enduring friendship; and
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9 WHEREAS, today Canada and Hawaii are both places of great
10 diversity amongst people, culture, and communities; and
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12 WHEREAS, both Canada and Hawaii also share long histories
13 fraught with challenges and injustice related to colonization
14 and exploitation of indigenous communities whose land and
15 sovereignty was taken against their will; and
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17 WHEREAS, Hawaii was ultimately annexed by the United States
18 of America despite significant protest by its sovereign
19 government and people; and
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21 WHEREAS, while the past cannot be changed, today both
22 Canada and Hawaii share a commitment to advancing the rights,
23 preserving the culture, empowering new generations, and reaching
24 toward justice for indigenous and native peoples; and
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1 WHEREAS, while both Canada and Hawaii have much work yet to
2 do to reconcile historical injustice, today nations, including
3 the United States, continue to seek to acquire and annex other
4 countries, lands, cultures, and people against their will; and
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6 WHEREAS, Canada, the First Nations within its borders, and
7 its many diverse cultures and people, is a country independent
8 of the United States and should not be subject to pressure by
9 political or any other means, to cede sovereignty and self-
10 determination to the United States or any other country, against
11 the will of the people of Canada; now, therefore,
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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
14 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the
15 House of Representatives concurring, that the people of Hawaii
16 reaffirm an enduring friendship with the people of Canada, and
17 in Hawaii, recognize and acknowledge three Canadian holidays,
18 each important for different reasons to different people,
19 cultures, and communities throughout Canada, which together
20 serve as a reminder that every country, culture, and people have
21 a right to self-determination which must never be taken against
22 their will; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State recognizes June 21,
25 2025, as Indigenous Peoples' Day; July 1, 2025, as Canada Day;
26 and September 30, 2025; as Truth and Reconciliation Day, in
27 recognition of the enduring friendship between the people of
28 Hawaii and the people of Canada, and in acknowledgement of
29 Hawaii's history of annexation by the United States against the
30 will of the government and people of Hawaii in the past, the
31 United States' posturing to annex Canada against the will of the
32 people of Canada in the present, and Hawaii's commitment to
33 never again allow the sovereign right of a people to self-
34 determination to be taken against their will; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the people of Hawaii invite the
37 people of Canada, and in particular leaders from all political
38 parties, First Nations, and indigenous cultures, to join with
39 the leaders and the people of Hawaii in an annual meeting and
40 forum, to discuss their shared history, work together on these
41 and other issues of mutual concern to continue building a
42 lasting friendship between Canada and Hawaii, and to reaffirm



1 the rights of the people of Hawaii and Canada to self-
2 determination are preserved, and the mistakes of the past are
3 never again repeated; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
6 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Prime Minister of
7 Canada; Ambassador of Canada to the United States; Consul
8 General of Canada in San Francisco; Governor; Director of
9 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and members of the
10 Hawaii congressional delegation.

