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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REAFFIRMING FRIENDSHIP WITH THE PEOPLE OF CANADA AND RECOGNIZING  
AND ACKNOWLEDGING CANADIAN HOLIDAYS SIGNIFICANT TO THE  
CULTURES AND COMMUNITIES OF CANADA.

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 injustice of the past can never truly be  
22 undone, today both Canada and Hawaii share a commitment to  
23 advancing the rights, preserving the culture, empowering new  
24 generations, and reaching toward justice for indigenous and  
25 native peoples; and  
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27 WHEREAS, while both Canada and Hawaii have much work yet to  
28 do to reconcile the past, they may begin by reaffirming a  
29 commitment to never allowing those mistakes to be repeated in  
30 the present; now, therefore,  
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the  
3 House of Representatives concurring, that this body reaffirms  
4 its friendship with the people of Canada and recognizes and  
5 acknowledges Canadian holidays significant to the cultures and  
6 communities of Canada; and

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body recognizes June 21,  
9 2025, as Indigenous Peoples' Day; July 1, 2025, as Canada Day;  
10 and September 30, 2025, as Truth and Reconciliation Day, in  
11 acknowledgement of a shared commitment to prohibiting  
12 infringement of the sovereign right of a people to self-  
13 determination; and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body invites leaders from  
16 all political parties, indigenous cultures, as well as the  
17 people of Canada, to visit the State to collaborate and support  
18 this commitment; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
21 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Prime Minister of  
22 Canada; Ambassador of Canada to the United States; Consul  
23 General of Canada in San Francisco; Governor; Director of  
24 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and members of the  
25 Hawaii congressional delegation.

