

---

---

# 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  
5

6           WHEREAS, the people of Canada and the people of Hawaii  
7 share a long and enduring friendship; and  
8

9           WHEREAS, Hawaii is home to many part-time residents from  
10 Canada and is one of the State's major overseas visitor markets;  
11 and  
12

13           WHEREAS, Hawaii and Canada share a history dating back to  
14 when Hawaii was a kingdom, commonalities in recognizing the  
15 rights of its indigenous peoples, and the importance of  
16 preserving its culture; and  
17

18           WHEREAS, today, Canada and Hawaii are both places of great  
19 diversity in people, culture, and communities; and  
20

21           WHEREAS, Canada and Hawaii also share long histories  
22 fraught with challenges and injustice related to colonization  
23 and exploitation of indigenous communities whose land and  
24 sovereignty were taken against their will; and  
25



1 WHEREAS, Hawaii was ultimately annexed by the United States  
2 of America despite significant protest by its sovereign  
3 government and people; and  
4

5 WHEREAS, while the past cannot be changed, today both  
6 Canada and Hawaii share a commitment to advancing the rights,  
7 preserving the culture, empowering new generations, and reaching  
8 toward justice for indigenous and native peoples; and  
9

10 WHEREAS, while both Canada and Hawaii have much work yet to  
11 do to reconcile historical injustice, today nations including  
12 the United States continue to seek to acquire and annex other  
13 countries, lands, cultures, and people against their will; and  
14

15 WHEREAS, Canada, the First Nations within its borders, and  
16 its many diverse cultures and people, is a country independent  
17 of the United States and should not be subject to pressure by  
18 political or any other means to cede sovereignty and self-  
19 determination to the United States or any other country against  
20 the will of the people of Canada; now, therefore,  
21

22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
23 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the  
24 House of Representatives concurring, that the people of Hawaii  
25 reaffirm an enduring friendship with the people of Canada, and  
26 in Hawaii, recognize and acknowledge three Canadian holidays,  
27 each important for different reasons to different people,  
28 cultures, and communities throughout Canada, which together  
29 serve as a reminder that every country, culture, and people have  
30 a right to self-determination that must never be taken against  
31 their will; and  
32

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State recognizes June 21,  
34 2025, as Indigenous Peoples' Day; July 1, 2025, as Canada Day;  
35 and September 30, 2025, as Truth and Reconciliation Day, in  
36 recognition of the enduring friendship between the people of  
37 Hawaii and the people of Canada, and in acknowledgement of  
38 Hawaii's history of annexation by the United States against the  
39 will of the government and people of Hawaii in the past, the  
40 United States' posturing to annex Canada against the will of the  
41 people of Canada in the present, and Hawaii's commitment to



1 never again allow the sovereign right of a people to self-  
2 determination to be taken against their will; and

3

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is requested to  
5 raise the Canadian flag in a ceremony of recognition at an  
6 appropriate time and place; and

7

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the people of Hawaii invite the  
9 people of Canada, and in particular leaders from all political  
10 parties, First Nations, and indigenous cultures, to join with  
11 the leaders and the people of Hawaii in an annual meeting and  
12 forum to discuss their shared history, work together on these  
13 and other issues of mutual concern to continue building a  
14 lasting friendship between Canada and Hawaii, and reaffirm the  
15 rights of the people of Hawaii and Canada to self-determination  
16 are preserved, and the mistakes of the past are never again  
17 repeated; and

18

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

