
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR AND THE HAWAII SISTER STATE COMMITTEE TO
APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII AND THE STATE OF DAKHLA OF THE
REGION OF OUED ED-DAHAB-LAGOUIRA OF THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii maintains a heritage of international
2 participation and cultural sensitivity unparalleled in other
3 states due to its multicultural population since the days of the
4 Hawaiian monarchy; and

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6 WHEREAS, since 1981, the Legislature has instituted sister-
7 state relationships as a means of asserting the State's active
8 participation in international matters; and

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10 WHEREAS, Hawaii currently maintains 16 sister-state
11 relationships; and

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13 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that it is advantageous to
14 the State to continue to pursue sister-state relationships for
15 cultural and economic development purposes, with attention on
16 fostering the most productive relationships; and

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18 WHEREAS, the State of Dakhla and Hawaii share similar
19 environments that foster an active tourism industry: both offer
20 ideal conditions for surfing, fishing, diving, and other outdoor
21 water sports; and

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23 WHEREAS, the State of Dakhla has a very mild Mediterranean
24 climate due to the cool currents of the Atlantic Ocean and has
25 some of the best weather in the world; and



1 WHEREAS, the State of Dakhla has a population of
2 approximately 60,000 people and plans to benefit its people with
3 economic development, education, youth employment, and renewable
4 energy; and

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6 WHEREAS, a relationship between Hawaii and the Kingdom of
7 Morocco began with the Millennium Young People's Congress in
8 1999; and

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10 WHEREAS, numerous other events and activities have occurred
11 to strengthen ties between Hawaii and the Kingdom of Morocco,
12 including an "Aloha Morocco Week" event held in 2007; and

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14 WHEREAS, a sister-state relationship between Hawaii and the
15 Province of Marrakesh of the Kingdom of Morocco was established
16 in 2012; and

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18 WHEREAS, a sister-state relationship between Hawaii and the
19 State of Dakhlah will be highly beneficial in expanding economic
20 ties related to tourism and related work and advancing common
21 goals of international peace and brotherhood; now, therefore,

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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
25 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Governor is
26 requested to authorize the establishment of a sister-state
27 relationship, as advised by the Hawaii Sister State Committee,
28 between Hawaii and the State of Dakhla of the Region of Oued Ed-
29 Dahab-Lagouira of the Kingdom of Morocco; and

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
32 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the United States
33 Secretary of State; Ambassador of the Embassy of Morocco in
34 Washington, D.C.; Governor of Dakhla; Consul General of Morocco
35 in Hawaii; Governor of the State of Hawaii; and Chairperson of
36 the Hawaii Sister State Committee.

