
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADOPTING THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL
ORGANIZATION'S DECLARATION ON A CULTURE OF PEACE.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii is an important crossroads of culture where
2 the citizens of the world meet and live together; and
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4 WHEREAS, peace is an important principle among the cultures
5 inhabiting Hawaii; and
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7 WHEREAS, Hawaii was one of the potential locations to host
8 the meeting to establish the United Nations, and it continues in
9 its quest to be a Geneva of the Pacific where people meet to
10 strive for peace and social justice; and
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12 WHEREAS, the purposes and principles of the United Nations
13 are based upon universally shared values and goals, and its
14 establishment has been a major development in changing a culture
15 of war and violence into a culture of peace and non-violence;
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18 WHEREAS, the task of saving future generations from the
19 scourge of war requires transformation towards a culture of
20 peace that consists of values, attitudes, and behaviors that
21 reflect and inspire social interaction and sharing, based on the
22 principles of freedom, justice, democracy, human rights,
23 tolerance, and solidarity, that rejects violence and endeavors
24 to prevent conflicts by tackling their root causes, to solve
25 problems through dialogue and negotiation, and that guarantees
26 the full exercise of all rights and the means to participate
27 fully in the development process of society; and
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29 WHEREAS, peace is not only the absence of conflict, but
30 also a positive, dynamic participatory process where dialogue is
31 encouraged and conflicts are solved in a spirit of mutual
32 understanding and cooperation; and



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2 WHEREAS, there is a compelling need to eliminate all forms
3 of discrimination and intolerance, including those based on
4 race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other
5 opinion, national, ethnic or social origin, property,
6 disability, birth, or other status; now, therefore,
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
9 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
10 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature adopts the
11 United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural
12 Organization's Declaration on a Culture of Peace; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature recognizes that
15 the transition from the culture of war to a culture of peace is
16 a priority of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and
17 Cultural Organization and is promoted at many levels by the
18 United Nations and at the grassroots level in state and
19 municipal governments and civil society; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature calls for the
22 promotion of a culture of peace based upon the principles
23 established in the Charter of the United Nations and upon
24 respect for human rights, democracy and tolerance, the promotion
25 of development, education for peace, the free flow of
26 information, the wider participation of women as an integral
27 approach to preventing violence and conflicts, and efforts aimed
28 at the creation of conditions for peace and its consolidation;
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that schools, citizen associations,
32 and agencies throughout the State are urged to implement
33 strategies and actions to achieve the aims of the Declaration on
34 a Culture of Peace; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
37 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary-General of
38 the United Nations, United Nations High Commissioner for Human
39 Rights, United States Secretary of State, United States
40 Secretary of Education, Governor, Superintendent of Education,
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1 Chairperson of the Board of Education, and members of Hawaii's
2 congressional delegation.

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