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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING APPLICATION FOR, GRANTING OF, AND FISCAL SUPPORT FOR  
EMERGENCY RELIEF AND EMERGENCY PREVENTION EFFORTS FOR THE  
COUNTY OF HAWAII AND THE COUNTY OF MAUI IN THE WAKE OF THE  
MARCH 2011 TSUNAMI.

1           WHEREAS, the Japanese earthquake on March 10, 2011, and the  
2 resulting tsunami on March 10th and 11th caused catastrophic  
3 damage to the country of Japan, resulting in widespread loss of  
4 life; and

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6           WHEREAS, according to United States Geological Survey  
7 records, the earthquake measuring 8.9 on the richter scale was  
8 the strongest in recorded history to hit Japan; and

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10          WHEREAS, many residents of Hawaii have been deeply affected  
11 by the disaster and especially by the tsunami generated by the  
12 earthquake; and

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14          WHEREAS, the tsunami caused significant damage within the  
15 County of Hawaii and County of Maui; and

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17          WHEREAS, some of the hardest hit areas include Kealahou  
18 on the Island of Hawaii, where a home was dragged into  
19 Kealahou Bay, and Maalaea Harbor and Kahului on Maui also  
20 experienced significant damage; and

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22          WHEREAS, many businesses and homes will need to be rebuilt  
23 or restored as a result of the tsunami; and

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25          WHEREAS, immediate action and emergency relief is needed to  
26 restore general health and safety to these counties and to limit  
27 economic hardship and job loss; now, therefore,

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29          BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
30 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
31 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the County of Hawaii and



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1 County of Maui are requested to apply for the maximum amount of  
 2 federal relief funds available and to cover the requisite cost  
 3 share for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's public  
 4 assistance program and individual assistance program, as  
 5 required by the Robert T. Stafford Disaster and Emergency  
 6 Assistance Act; and

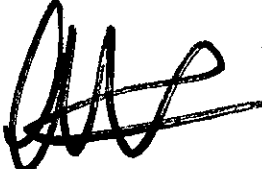

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 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State is hereby requested  
 9 to assist the County of Hawaii and County of Maui to recover  
 10 from the tsunami by maximizing available matching funds for  
 11 federal reimbursements; and



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 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Hawaii assemble an  
 14 intergovernmental task force to expedite relief for the County  
 15 of Hawaii and County of Maui; and



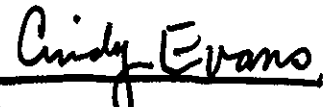

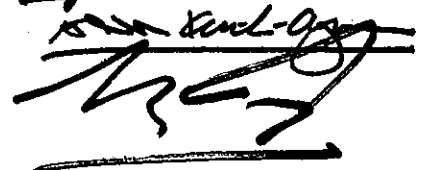
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 17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Congress is  
 18 hereby urged to refrain from making any cuts to the critically  
 19 important Tsunami Pacific Alert System; and

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 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Hawaii and County  
 22 of Maui are requested to expedite building permits for home  
 23 owners and business owners who suffered damage to their  
 24 properties from the tsunami so that they may promptly rebuild  
 25 their establishments and more quickly recover from the  
 26 destruction; and

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 28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 29 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, United  
 30 States Congressional Delegation for Hawaii, Mayor of the County  
 31 of Maui, Mayor of the County of Hawaii, County of Maui Planning  
 32 Department, County of Hawaii Planning Department, and Director  
 33 of the Hawaii office of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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