
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING JANUARY 17 OF EVERY YEAR AS HO'OKU'IKAHI DAY, OR
RECONCILIATION DAY, IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF THE
JUSTICE, RECONCILIATION, AND NONVIOLENCE OF QUEEN
LILI'UOKALANI.

1 WHEREAS, on January 17, 1993, the people of Hawaii
2 commemorated the 100th anniversary of the overthrow of the
3 Hawaiian Kingdom; and
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5 WHEREAS, the United Church of Christ officially and
6 publicly apologized to Na Kanaka Maoli at Iolani Palace and
7 Kaumakapili Church on January 17, 1993; and
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9 WHEREAS, in 1993, United States President Bill Clinton
10 signed into law Public Law 103-150, as an apology to Native
11 Hawaiians; and
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13 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Ecumenical Coalition and the Pacific
14 Justice and Reconciliation Center have commemorated January 17
15 as Ho'oku'ikahi Day every year since 1993, in partnership and
16 collaboration with historic churches such as Kawaiahao Church,
17 Central Union Church, St. Andrew's Cathedral, Kaumakapili
18 Church, St. Augustine's Church, and community groups and
19 organizations including the Interfaith Alliance of Hawaii, the
20 Forgiveness Project, and Office of Hawaiian Affairs; and
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22 WHEREAS, lasting reconciliation requires an ongoing and
23 continuous commitment by all parties to recognize past and
24 ongoing harms; accept responsibility as appropriate for
25 wrongdoing; reconstruct relationships, institutions, and systems
26 of power distribution; and determine appropriate reparatory
27 justice measures in a peaceful, transparent, and open manner;
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30 WHEREAS, Queen Lili'uokalani, through various forms of
31 nonviolent and peaceful resistance, continuously sought to



1 achieve peaceful reconciliation for the overthrow of the
2 Hawaiian Kingdom through the restoration of her country and the
3 return of its lands and sovereignty; and
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5 WHEREAS, the State should remind itself and the people of
6 Hawaii of the steps taken toward the fulfillment of Queen
7 Lili'uokalani's vision of peaceful reconciliation, and of the
8 need for ongoing work to realize such a vision; now, therefore,
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
11 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014, the
12 House of Representatives concurring, that January 17 of every
13 year be recognized as Ho'oku'ikahi Day, or Reconciliation Day, in
14 honor and remembrance of the justice, reconciliation, and
15 nonviolence of Queen Lili'uokalani; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
18 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor.

