
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SISTER
STATE-PROVINCE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII AND
THE PROVINCE OF HENAN OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

1 WHEREAS, the State is actively seeking to expand its
2 international ties and has an abiding interest in the developing
3 friendship, goodwill, and economic and educational relations
4 between the people of Hawaii and the people of Asian countries;
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7 WHEREAS, as part of its effort to achieve this goal, the
8 State has established a number of sister-state relationships
9 with provinces in the Asian region; and
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11 WHEREAS, because of the historical relationship between the
12 United States and the People's Republic of China, there are
13 significant reasons to promote international relations to
14 achieve lasting peace and prosperity that serves the common
15 interests of both countries; and
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17 WHEREAS, the People's Republic of China, one of the most
18 diverse and populous countries in Asia, is recognized
19 internationally as the future of economic development; and
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21 WHEREAS, the Province of Henan, with a population of over
22 ninety-six million in 2015, is the most populous province in the
23 People's Republic of China and presents a wealth of economic
24 potential between Hawaii and Henan; and
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26 WHEREAS, the Province of Henan, as the fifth largest
27 provincial economy of China and the largest among inland
28 provinces, is considered the birthplace of Chinese civilization
29 with over three thousand years of recorded history; and
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1 WHEREAS, the Province of Henan is located in the central
2 part of the country, home to many world-famous historical relics
3 such as the Shaolin Temple and the Longmen Grottoes; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Province of Henan has four seasons and does
6 not have direct access to open oceans, which would provide a
7 good opportunity for tourism to the State; and
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9 WHEREAS, the Province of Henan is thought of as a leader in
10 education, and could provide opportunities for study abroad
11 programs, summer school programs, and student exchanges with
12 middle schools, high schools, and universities in the State; and
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14 WHEREAS, the first tier of major industries of the Province
15 of Henan involves agriculture, including corn, rice, cotton, and
16 oil plants; and
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18 WHEREAS, the second tier of major industries of the
19 Province of Henan includes food manufacturing, farm and sideline
20 food processing, fabric, machine building, and pharmaceutical
21 industries; and
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23 WHEREAS, the third tier of major industries of the Province
24 of Henan involves retail industries; and
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26 WHEREAS, the differences between the Province of Henan and
27 the State can serve as the basis for a mutually beneficial
28 relationship in which each party can benefit from the other's
29 different strengths and needs; now, therefore,
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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
32 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
33 of 2017, the Senate concurring, that the Governor is requested
34 to authorize the establishment of a sister state-province
35 relationship, as advised by the Hawaii Sister-State Committee,
36 between the State of Hawaii and the Province of Henan of the
37 People's Republic of China; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province of Henan be
40 afforded the privileges and honors that the State extends to its
41 sister states and provinces; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if by July 31, 2021, the sister
 2 state-province relationship with the Province of Henan has not
 3 reached a sustainable basis by providing mutual economic
 4 benefits through local community support, the sister state-
 5 province relationship shall be withdrawn; and

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 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 8 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
 9 United States, Majority Leader of the United States Senate,
 10 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, Hawaii's
 11 congressional delegation, President of the People's Republic of
 12 China through its Los Angeles Consulate General, Governor and
 13 Provincial Board of the Province of Henan, the People's Republic
 14 of China, Governor of the State of Hawaii, the Director of the
 15 State Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism,
 16 and the Chairperson of the Hawaii Sister-State Committee.

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