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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO ESTABLISH A HAWAII COMMISSION ON THE  
UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL BY EXECUTIVE ORDER.

1           WHEREAS, July 4, 2026, marks the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
2 signing of the Declaration of Independence and the founding of  
3 the United States of America; and  
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5           WHEREAS, to observe this momentous occasion, the U.S.  
6 Semiquincentennial Commission, established by Congress under the  
7 United States Semiquincentennial Commission Act of 2016 (Public  
8 Law 114-196), was created to provide for the observance and  
9 commemoration of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the  
10 United States and related events; and  
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12           WHEREAS, the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission is tasked  
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- 15           (1) Preparing an overall program for commemorating the  
16 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the United States  
17 and the historic events preceding the anniversary; and  
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- 19           (2) Planning, encouraging, developing, and coordinating  
20 observances and activities commemorating the historic  
21 events that preceded, and are associated with, the  
22 United States Semiquincentennial; and  
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24           WHEREAS, the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission and the  
25 America250 Foundation, the nonprofit partner of the U.S.  
26 Semiquincentennial Commission, are working to organize and  
27 facilitate the observance of this historical American milestone;  
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30           WHEREAS, according to the America250 Foundation, eighteen  
31 states have created commissions to join in America250's efforts



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1 to mark America's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of independence on July 4,  
2 2026; and

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4 WHEREAS, to appropriately take part in America's  
5 semiquincentennial celebration, it is fitting that the State of  
6 Hawaii establish a commission to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
7 of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the  
8 founding of the United States of America by having the Hawaii  
9 commission plan and coordinate commemorations and observances of  
10 this nationwide celebration; and

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12 WHEREAS, a Hawaii Commission on the United States  
13 Semiquincentennial will serve as a necessary part of encouraging  
14 the people of Hawaii to not only participate in this momentous  
15 and celebratory occasion but also remember the past, celebrate  
16 the present, and look forward to a promising future for the  
17 United States; now, therefore,

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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
20 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the  
21 House of Representatives concurring, that the Governor is  
22 requested to establish a Hawaii Commission on the United States  
23 Semiquincentennial by Executive Order; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Commission on the  
26 United States Semiquincentennial coordinate a statewide effort  
27 commemorating and celebrating the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the  
28 founding of the United States of America; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
31 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the  
32 State of Hawaii.

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OFFERED BY:

*R. J. Ogilvie*  
*by request*

