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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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

1           WHEREAS, July 4, 2026, marks the 250th 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 United  
6 States Semiquincentennial Commission, established by Congress  
7 under the United States Semiquincentennial Commission Act of  
8 2016, P.L. 114-196, was created to provide for the observance  
9 and commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the founding of  
10 the United States and related events; and  
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12           WHEREAS, the United States Semiquincentennial Commission is  
13 tasked with:

14           (1)   Preparing an overall program for commemorating the  
15 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States  
16 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 United States Semiquincentennial Commission  
25 and the 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  
32 to mark America's 250th anniversary of independence on July 4,  
33 2026; and  
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1           WHEREAS, to appropriately take part in America's  
2 semiquincentennial celebration, it is fitting that the State of  
3 Hawaii establish a commission to celebrate the 250th Anniversary  
4 of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the  
5 founding of the United States of America by having the Hawaii  
6 commission plan and coordinate commemorations and observances of  
7 this nationwide celebration; and

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

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16           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
17 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,  
18 that the Governor is requested to establish a Hawaii Commission  
19 on the United States Semiquincentennial by Executive Order; and

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21           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Commission on the  
22 United States Semiquincentennial coordinate a statewide effort  
23 commemorating and celebrating the 250th anniversary of the  
24 founding of the United States of America; and

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26           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
27 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chairman of the  
28 United States Semiquincentennial Commission, and Executive  
29 Director of the United States Semiquincentennial Commission.

