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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF STATE-PROVINCE  
RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES.

1           WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii is actively seeking to expand  
2 its international ties and has an abiding interest in developing  
3 goodwill, friendship, and economic relations between the people  
4 of Hawaii and the people of Asian and Pacific countries; and  
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6           WHEREAS, as part of its effort to achieve this goal, Hawaii  
7 has established a number of sister-state agreements with  
8 provinces in the Pacific region; and  
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10           WHEREAS, because of the historical relationship between the  
11 United States and the Republic of the Philippines, there  
12 continue to exist valid reasons to promote international  
13 friendship and understanding for the mutual benefit of both  
14 countries to achieve lasting peace and prosperity, as this  
15 serves the common interests of both countries; and  
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17           WHEREAS, there are historical precedents exemplifying the  
18 common desire to maintain a close cultural, commercial, and  
19 financial bridge between ethnic Filipinos living in Hawaii with  
20 their relatives, friends, and business counterparts in the  
21 Philippines, such as the previously established agreements with  
22 the Provinces of Ilocos Sur (1985), Cebu (1992), Pangasinan  
23 (2003), Ilocos Norte (2005), and Isabela (2006); and  
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25           WHEREAS, the state-province relationships existing between  
26 the State of Hawaii and the five Philippine provinces have  
27 strengthened the mutual ties with the Filipino community in  
28 Hawaii whereby cooperation and communication have served to  
29 establish exchanges in the areas of business, trade,  
30 agriculture, industry, tourism, sports, health care, social



1 welfare, and other fields of human endeavor especially during  
2 the Centennial celebration in 2006 to commemorate the first  
3 immigrants from the Philippines who came to Hawaii to work as  
4 Sakadas; and

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6 WHEREAS, a similar sister-province relationship would  
7 reinforce and cement this common bridge of understanding and  
8 mutual assistance between the ethnic Filipinos and Filipino at  
9 heart in both the State of Hawaii and the Province of Cagayan;  
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12 WHEREAS, there is already an existing relationship between  
13 the Province of Cagayan and the State of Hawaii because several  
14 notable citizens in Hawaii can trace their roots or have  
15 immigrated from the Province of Cagayan; now, therefore,

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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
18 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
19 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Governor of the  
20 State of Hawaii, or the Governor's designee, be authorized and  
21 is requested to take all necessary actions to establish a state-  
22 province affiliation with the Province of Cagayan by June 30,  
23 2012; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor, or the Governor's  
26 designee, is requested to keep the Legislature of the State of  
27 Hawaii fully informed of the process in establishing the  
28 relationship and, to the extent practicable, involved in its  
29 formalization; and

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province of Cagayan, upon  
32 the adoption of a reciprocating resolution by the Provincial  
33 Board of the Province of Cagayan, be afforded the privileges and  
34 honors that Hawaii extends to its sister states and provinces;  
35 and

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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
38 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
39 United States, the Governor of the State of Hawaii, the  
40 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United  
41 States House of Representatives, Hawaii's congressional  
42 delegation, the President of the Republic of the Philippines  
43 through its Honolulu Consulate General, and the Governor and



1 Provincial Board of the Province of Cagayan, Republic of the  
2 Philippines.  
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