
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT FOR THE HAWAII FOOD AND WINE
FESTIVAL AND DECLARING THE FESTIVAL TO BE THE NEXT
AGRICULTURAL AND CULINARY MOVEMENT IN THE STATE OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the Hawaii regional cuisine movement started in
2 1991 with twelve of Hawaii's most accomplished chefs making a
3 commitment to use the finest locally grown produce and to
4 support local farmers; and

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6 WHEREAS, Hawaii regional cuisine was a major impetus to
7 drive the growth of diversified agriculture in Hawaii; and

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9 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Food and Wine Festival began twenty
10 years later, in 2011, with more than eighty chefs from all over
11 the world coming together to showcase Hawaii's incredible bounty
12 of fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs, beef, eggs, fish, pork,
13 coffee, honey, and more; and

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15 WHEREAS, the Festival is a testament to the impact that
16 Hawaii regional cuisine chefs and local farmers have had upon
17 Hawaii's culinary arts and its agricultural industry; and

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19 WHEREAS, the Festival moves Hawaii regional cuisine forward
20 by bringing together interests in tourism, education, culture,
21 environmentalism, and sustainability to ensure that Hawaii
22 maintains a healthy and vibrant economy for future generations;
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25 WHEREAS, the overarching message of the Hawaii Food and
26 Wine Festival is "Taste our Love for the Land" and promotion of
27 the return of sustainability to Hawaii; and

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29 WHEREAS, the Festival brings multiple industries and
30 partners together to promote Hawaii as a destination and creates



1 new opportunities to build relationships that grow beyond
2 Hawaii's shores; and
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4 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Tourism Authority and its industry
5 partners support the Festival as a major signature event and
6 recognize the importance of building a world-class festival that
7 brings visitors from all over the world to Hawaii; and
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9 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Food and Wine Festival has put Hawaii
10 on the world's food and wine map in a monumental way and is
11 truly a showcase of our local produce, our islands, our people,
12 our culture, and our talents; and
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14 WHEREAS, the Festival is organized as a nonprofit
15 organization that contributes to community organizations
16 promoting the agricultural and culinary industries, education,
17 and sustainability in Hawaii; now, therefore,
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
20 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
21 Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature
22 expresses its support of the Hawaii Food and Wine Festival and
23 declares it to be the next agricultural and culinary movement in
24 Hawaii; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature also recognizes
27 the pivotal role the Hawaii Food and Wine Festival has played,
28 and will continue to play, in showcasing Hawaii's local produce,
29 emerging crops, people, culture, and culinary talents, thereby
30 furthering Hawaii's reputation as a culinary destination and
31 providing numerous benefits to the people of Hawaii; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
34 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
35 United States; Majority Leader of the United States Senate;
36 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; United
37 States Secretary of Agriculture; President and Chief Executive
38 Officer of the Hawaii Tourism Authority; President of the Food
39 Network and the Cooking Channel; President of Le Cordon Bleu;
40 Editor of Cooks Illustrated; Editor-in-Chief of Bon Appetit;
41 Department Chair of the Culinary Arts Program at Kapiolani
42 Community College; Program Director of the Culinary Arts Program
43 at Leeward Community College; and Hawaii Food and Wine Festival
44 event chairs Chef Alan Wong and Chef Roy Yamaguchi.

