SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING JANUARY 17 OF EVERY YEAR AS HO'OKU'IKAHI DAY, OR RECONCILIATION DAY, IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF THE JUSTICE, RECONCILIATION, AND NONVIOLENCE OF QUEEN LILT'UOKALANT.

WHEREAS, on January 17, 1993, the people of Hawaii commemorated the one-hundredth anniversary of the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom; and

WHEREAS, the United Church of Christ officially and publicly apologized to Na Kanaka Maoli at Iolani Palace and Kaumakapili Church on January 17, 1993; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, United States President Bill Clinton signed into law Public Law 103-150, as an apology to Native Hawaiians; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Ecumenical Coalition and the Pacific Justice and Reconciliation Center have commemorated January 17 as Hoʻokuʻikahi Day every year since 1993, in partnership and collaboration with historic churches such as Kawaiahao Church, Central Union Church, St. Andrew's Cathedral, Kaumakapili Church, St. Augustine's Church, and community groups and organizations including the Interfaith Alliance of Hawaii, the Forgiveness Project, and Office of Hawaiian Affairs; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014, that January 17 of every year be recognized as Hoʻokuʻikahi Day, or Reconciliation Day, in honor and remembrance of the justice, reconciliation, and nonviolence of Queen Liliʻuokalani; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor.