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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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URGING THE OFFICE OF ELECTIONS TO AMEND THE CHOICE FOR SELF-  
DECLARATION TO ALLOW THE AFFIANT TO IDENTIFY AS A PERSON  
BORN WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES OF WHAT IS CURRENTLY  
THE STATE OF HAWAI'I OR A DESCENDANT OF ANY CITIZEN OF THE  
HAWAIIAN KINGDOM THAT THE UNITED STATES RECOGNIZED AS A  
NATION PRIOR TO 1893.

1 WHEREAS, in 1993, the United States formally apologized to  
2 Native Hawaiians for the United States' role in the overthrow of  
3 the Hawaiian Kingdom through Public Law 103-150 (107  
4 Stat. 1510), commonly known as the "Apology Resolution"; and  
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6 WHEREAS, the Apology Resolution acknowledges that the  
7 illegal overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom occurred with the  
8 active participation of agents and citizens of the United States  
9 and further acknowledges that the Native Hawaiian people never  
10 directly relinquished to the United States their claims to their  
11 inherent sovereignty as a people over their national lands,  
12 either through a Treaty of Annexation or through a plebiscite or  
13 referendum; and  
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15 WHEREAS, Act 195, Regular Session of 2011, explicitly  
16 acknowledged and recognized Native Hawaiians as "the only  
17 indigenous, aboriginal, maoli people of Hawaii", and also noted  
18 that "Native Hawaiians have continued to maintain their separate  
19 identity as a single, distinctly native political community  
20 through cultural, social, and political institutions and have  
21 continued to maintain their rights to self-determination, self-  
22 governance, and economic self-sufficiency"; and  
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24 WHEREAS, the same Act expressed the "State's desire to  
25 support the continuing development of a reorganized Native  
26 Hawaiian governing entity and, ultimately, the federal  
27 recognition of Native Hawaiians"; now, therefore,  
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# H.C.R. NO. 179

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
2 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
3 of 2018, the Senate concurring, that the Office of Elections is  
4 urged to amend the choice for self-declaration to allow the  
5 affiant to self-identify as "a person born within the geographic  
6 boundaries of what is currently the State of Hawai'i; and/or a  
7 descendant of any citizen of the Hawaiian Kingdom that the  
8 United States once recognized as a nation prior to 1893"; and  
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Election  
12 Officer.  
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OFFERED BY: 

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