
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE HAWAII EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO DISMISS ANY EMPLOYEE WHO FAILS TO
COOPERATE WITH AN INVESTIGATION OF THE JANUARY 13TH FALSE
MISSILE ALERT.

1 WHEREAS, the false missile alert on January 13th, 2018,
2 exposed the dysfunctional management of the Hawaii Emergency
3 Management Agency, as well as Hawaii's defective emergency plans
4 and preparedness in the disastrous event of a nuclear attack
5 targeted at our State; and
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7 WHEREAS, this incident has put the eyes of the world on
8 Hawaii, drawing concern and attention from across the globe,
9 including public scrutiny in the national press and shameful
10 mockery in North Korea's state newspaper; and
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12 WHEREAS, the head of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency
13 and the Governor of the State of Hawaii apologized for the
14 "unfortunate and regrettable" mistake and ensured the public
15 that they would review the state's procedures to make sure this
16 will never happen again; and
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18 WHEREAS, communities across Hawaii and the nation are
19 intensely observing the aftermath and anxiously anticipating the
20 findings of the two ongoing internal investigations and the
21 investigation by the Federal Communications Commission to assess
22 what went wrong; and
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24 WHEREAS, the alert error was allegedly made because a
25 Hawaii Emergency Management Agency officer "pushed the wrong
26 button"; and
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28 WHEREAS, the identity of the "button pusher" has not been
29 publicly released, and the employee has since been reassigned to
30 an unspecified job at the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency,



1 but the employee has not returned to work since the accident;
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4 WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission's Homeland
5 Security Bureau chief recently expressed disappointment in the
6 refusal of this Hawaii Emergency Management Agency employee to
7 cooperate with their federal investigation; and
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9 WHEREAS, recent media reports indicate that this Hawaii
10 Emergency Management Employee is also refusing to cooperate in
11 state investigations into the circumstances surrounding the
12 January 13th false missile alert; and
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14 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency employee
15 has not been disciplined for his or her grave mistake; and
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17 WHEREAS, although apologies have been made by key
18 officials, responsible individuals should also be held
19 accountable; now, therefore,
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
22 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
23 of 2018, that the House of Representatives calls on all
24 individuals with information on the January 13th false missile
25 alert to cooperate fully with all investigations of the
26 incident; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor and the Director
29 of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency are urged to dismiss
30 any employee who fails to cooperate with an investigation of the
31 January 13th false missile alert; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
34 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairman of the Federal
35 Communications Commission; the Director, the Administrator, and
36 the Executive Officer of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency;
37 the Governor of the State of Hawaii; the Mayor of Honolulu; the
38 Mayor of Maui; the Mayor of Kauai; and the Mayor of Hawaii.
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