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HOUSE RESOLUTION

STRONGLY URGING THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII TO TAKE ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS TO PREVENT A CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK IN HAWAII.

WHEREAS, in December 2019, the world was stunned by an outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease in Wuhan, China; and

WHEREAS, shortly thereafter on February 4, 2020 the United States government declared the novel coronavirus a public health emergency and suspended entry for any foreign nationals who visited China; and

WHEREAS, in addition to impacting China, Japan and South Korea have been particularly hard hit by the virus causing Hawaiian Airlines to announce it will suspend all flights to and from South Korea from March 2nd to April 1st, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the family of coronaviruses is very large and causes illness ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Middle East respiratory syndrome and severe acute respiratory syndrome; however, the novel coronavirus is a new strain that has not been previously identified in humans; and

WHEREAS, common signs of infection include respiratory symptoms, fever, cough, shortness of breath, and breathing difficulties. In more severe cases, infection can cause pneumonia, severe acute respiratory syndrome, kidney failure, and death; and

WHEREAS, standard recommendations to prevent spread of the virus include regular hand washing, covering the mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing, thoroughly cooking meat and eggs, and avoiding close contact with anyone showing symptoms of respiratory illness, such as coughing and sneezing; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Hawaii, the Vice President of the United States, the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawaii, the Director of the Hawaii State Department of Health, the Director of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, the Director of the Hawaii State Department of Transportation, the Director of the Hawaii State Emergency Management Agency, the Mayor of the County of Hawaii, the Mayor of the County of Maui, the Mayor of the City & County of Honolulu, and the Mayor of the County of Kauai.

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