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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO ESTABLISH A HAWAII COMMISSION ON THE UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL BY EXECUTIVE ORDER.

1 WHEREAS, July 4, 2026, marks the 250th Anniversary of the
2 signing of the Declaration of Independence and the founding of
3 the United States of America; and
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5 WHEREAS, to observe this momentous occasion, the U.S.
6 Semiquincentennial Commission, established by Congress under the
7 United States Semiquincentennial Commission Act of 2016 (Public
8 Law 114-196), was created to provide for the observance and
9 commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the
10 United States and related events; and
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12 WHEREAS, the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission is tasked
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- 15 (1) Preparing an overall program for commemorating the
16 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States
17 and the historic events preceding the anniversary; and
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19 (2) Planning, encouraging, developing, and coordinating
20 observances and activities commemorating the historic
21 events that preceded, and are associated with, the
22 United States Semiquincentennial; and
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24 WHEREAS, the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission and the
25 America250 Foundation, the nonprofit partner of the U.S.
26 Semiquincentennial Commission, are working to organize and
27 facilitate the observance of this historical American milestone;
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30 WHEREAS, according to the America250 Foundation, eighteen
31 states have created commissions to join in America250's efforts
32 to mark America's 250th anniversary of independence on July 4,
33 2026; and



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WHEREAS, to appropriately take part in America's semiquincentennial celebration, it is fitting that the State of Hawaii establish a commission to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the founding of the United States of America by having the Hawaii commission plan and coordinate commemorations and observances of this nationwide celebration; and

WHEREAS, a Hawaii Commission on the United States Semiquincentennial will serve as a necessary part of encouraging the people of Hawaii to not only participate in this momentous and celebratory occasion but also remember the past, celebrate the present, and look forward to a promising future for the United States; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, that the Governor is requested to establish a Hawaii Commission on the United States Semiquincentennial by Executive Order; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Commission on the United States Semiquincentennial coordinate a statewide effort commemorating and celebrating the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America; and

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

OFFERED BY: 
by request

