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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT JULY 31 OF EVERY YEAR BE RECOGNIZED AND
PROCLAIMED AS LA HO'IHO'I EA.

1 WHEREAS, La Ho'iho'i Ea translates to Restoration Day and
2 marks the day that independence was restored to the Hawaiian
3 Kingdom on July 31, 1843, after being forcefully seized by Lord
4 George Paulet, a captain in the British Royal Navy; and
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6 WHEREAS, recognizing that the Kingdom of Hawaii was a
7 sovereign state, Queen Victoria sent Admiral Richard Darton
8 Thomas of the British Royal Navy to redress the unwarranted
9 transgression against the Hawaiian Kingdom; and
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11 WHEREAS, July 31 commemorates the end of the unauthorized
12 five-month military occupation; and
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14 WHEREAS, King Kamehameha III established this holiday in a
15 days-long celebration following the rightful return of
16 sovereignty to the Kingdom of Hawaii, officially proclaiming,
17 "Ua Mau ke ea o ka 'āina i ka pono", meaning the ea--or breath,
18 life, and sovereignty--of the land is perpetuated through
19 justice; and
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21 WHEREAS, the Senate of the State of Hawaii recognizes that
22 there is a need to honor, support, and cherish this significant
23 day in Hawaii's history; now, therefore,
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
26 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the
27 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature and
28 Governor are requested to recognize and acknowledge the
29 historical and cultural significance of La Ho'iho'i Ea; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that July 31 of each year be
32 designated and observed as "La Ho'iho'i Ea", in recognition of
33 the day independence was restored to the Kingdom of Hawaii; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
3 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Speaker of
4 the House of Representatives, and Mayors of the respective
5 counties of Hawaii.
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OFFERED BY:  _____

