
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2 THROUGH OCTOBER 6, 2023, AS DIGITAL
INCLUSION WEEK IN THE STATE OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, broadband services are essential infrastructure
2 for the twenty-first century and play an important role in
3 providing access to knowledge and opportunities from around the
4 world; and

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6 WHEREAS, digital equity ensures that all individuals and
7 communities have the information technology capacity needed for
8 full participation in society, democracy, and the economy and is
9 necessary for civic and cultural participation, lifelong
10 learning, and access to essential services, such as
11 telemedicine, distance learning, and the workplace; and

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13 WHEREAS, the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic heightened
14 the demand for reliable, affordable internet connectivity as
15 work, education, and access to essential services have shifted
16 online; and

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18 WHEREAS, broadband access, where available, has helped to
19 deliver public health information to vulnerable Hawaii residents
20 who experience socioeconomic disparities and those who live in
21 underserved and unserved communities; and

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23 WHEREAS, many rural, agricultural, and lower-income
24 communities throughout the State lack access to reliable and
25 affordable broadband due to the lack of infrastructure;
26 discrimination in investment in delivering technology and
27 technology-related services to specific areas or populations; or
28 barriers derived from socioeconomic status, education, literacy,
29 language, or disabilities; and

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1 WHEREAS, the State is committed to promoting digital
2 inclusion to ensure that all individuals and communities,
3 including the most remote and disadvantaged, have access to
4 information and communication technologies, including
5 affordable, robust broadband internet service; internet-enabled
6 devices that meet the needs of the user; access to digital
7 literacy training; quality technical support; and applications
8 and online content designed to enable and encourage self-
9 sufficiency, participation, and collaboration; and

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11 WHEREAS, to raise awareness of the need for digital equity
12 and to promote digital inclusion, Senate Concurrent Resolution
13 No. 25, S.D. 1, Regular Session of 2022, recognized October 3
14 through October 7, 2022, as Digital Inclusion Week in the State;
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17 WHEREAS, Digital Inclusion Week is spearheaded by the
18 National Digital Inclusion Alliance, which represents affiliated
19 organizations working toward digital equity by crafting,
20 identifying, and disseminating financial and operational
21 resources for digital inclusion programs to raise awareness of
22 solutions addressing home internet access, personal devices, and
23 local technology training and support programs; now, therefore,
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
26 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
27 Session of 2023, the Senate concurring, that October 2 through
28 October 6, 2023, is recognized as Digital Inclusion Week in the
29 State to raise awareness of the need for digital equity and to
30 promote digital inclusion; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
33 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Director
34 of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Strategic
35 Broadband Coordinator of the Hawaii Broadband and Digital Equity
36 Office; Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu; Mayor of the
37 County of Maui; Mayor of the County of Kauai; and Mayor of the
38 County of Hawaii.

