
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REAFFIRMING FRIENDSHIP WITH THE PEOPLE OF CANADA AND RECOGNIZING
AND ACKNOWLEDGING CANADIAN HOLIDAYS SIGNIFICANT TO THE
CULTURES AND COMMUNITIES OF CANADA.

1 WHEREAS, the Kingdom of Hawaii had foreign consulates in
2 numerous Canadian cities including Belleville, Brockville,
3 Halifax, Hamilton, Kingstown, Montreal, Ottawa, Rimouski,
4 Rockville, St. Johns, Toronto, Vancouver, and Victoria; and
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6 WHEREAS, the people of Canada and the people of Hawaii
7 share a long and enduring friendship; and
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9 WHEREAS, today Canada and Hawaii are both places of great
10 diversity amongst people, culture, and communities; and
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12 WHEREAS, both Canada and Hawaii also share long histories
13 fraught with challenges and injustice related to colonization
14 and exploitation of indigenous communities whose land and
15 sovereignty was taken against their will; and
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17 WHEREAS, Hawaii was ultimately annexed by the United States
18 of America despite significant protest by its sovereign
19 government and people; and
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21 WHEREAS, while the injustice of the past can never truly be
22 undone, today both Canada and Hawaii share a commitment to
23 advancing the rights, preserving the culture, empowering new
24 generations, and reaching toward justice for indigenous and
25 native peoples; and
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27 WHEREAS, while both Canada and Hawaii have much work yet to
28 do to reconcile the past, they may begin by reaffirming a
29 commitment to never allowing those mistakes to be repeated in
30 the present; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the
3 House of Representatives concurring, that this body reaffirms
4 its friendship with the people of Canada and recognizes and
5 acknowledges Canadian holidays significant to the cultures and
6 communities of Canada; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body recognizes June 21,
9 2025, as Indigenous Peoples' Day; July 1, 2025, as Canada Day;
10 and September 30, 2025, as Truth and Reconciliation Day, in
11 acknowledgement of a shared commitment to prohibiting
12 infringement of the sovereign right of a people to self-
13 determination; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body invites leaders from
16 all political parties, indigenous cultures, as well as the
17 people of Canada, to visit the State to collaborate and support
18 this commitment; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
21 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Prime Minister of
22 Canada; Ambassador of Canada to the United States; Consul
23 General of Canada in San Francisco; Governor; Director of
24 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and members of the
25 Hawaii congressional delegation.

